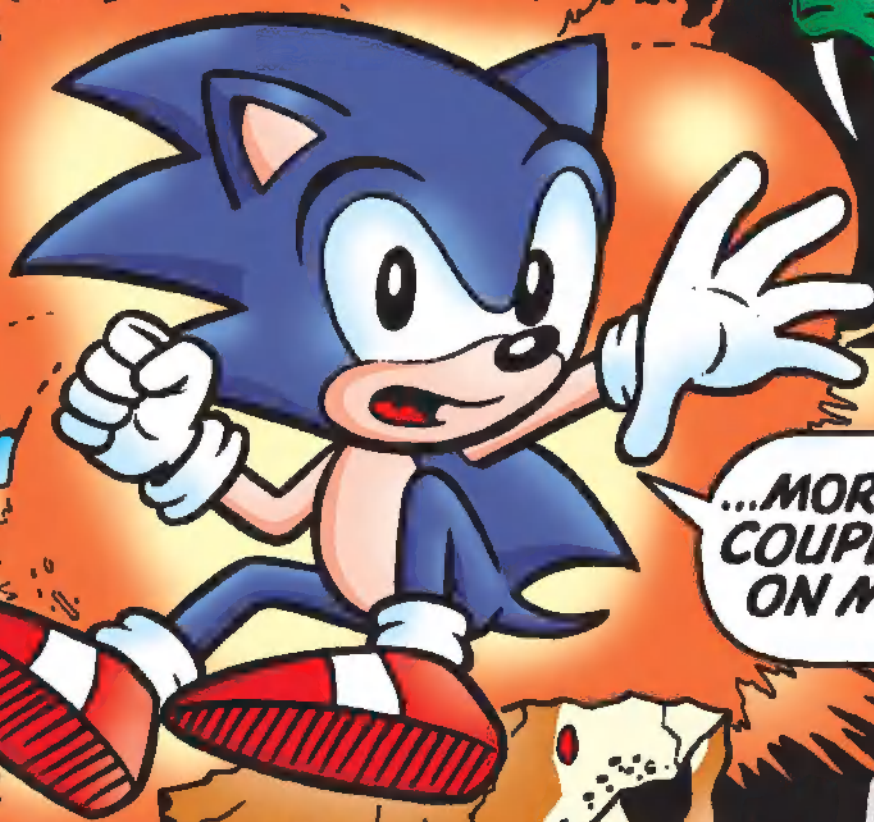


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APRIL

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

...CAUGHT BETWEEN A ROCK
AND A HARD PLACE!



...MORE LIKE A
COUPLE OF 'BOTS
ON MY CASE!

...AND
THIS IS
ONE OF
HIS GOOD
DAYS!

SPAZ
&
DAG

STOP-HIM!-STOP-

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

PHASES OF E.V.E.

BONK!

FAT
CHANCE,
FELLAS!

YOU'D THINK DR.
ROBOTNIK WOULD'VE
LEARNED BY NOW...

THAT
HEDGEHOGS...

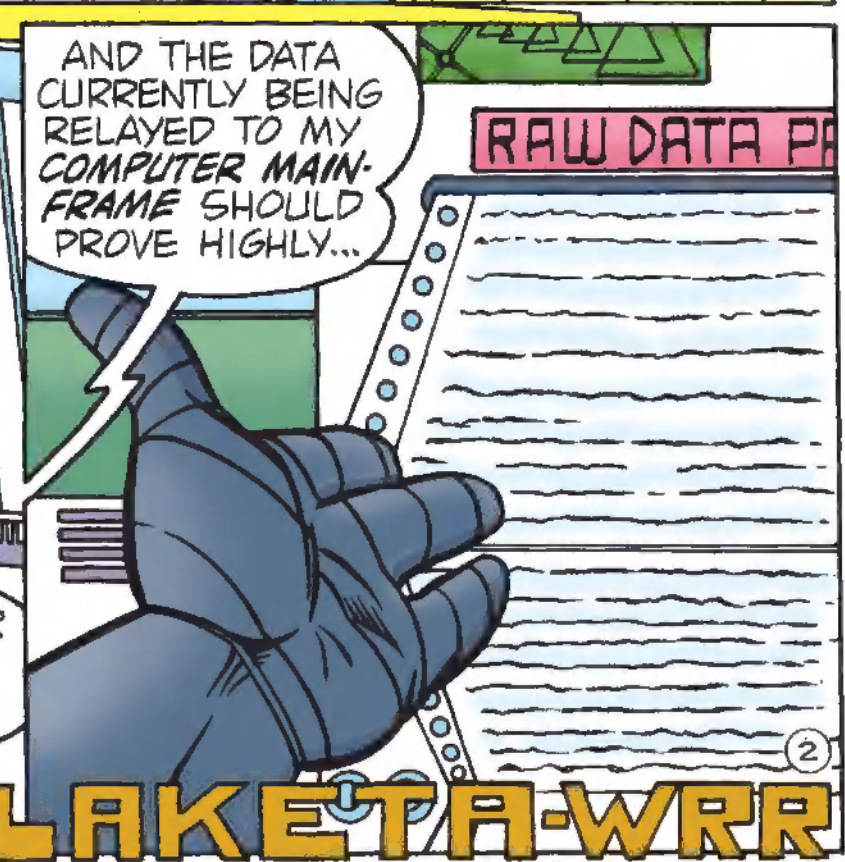
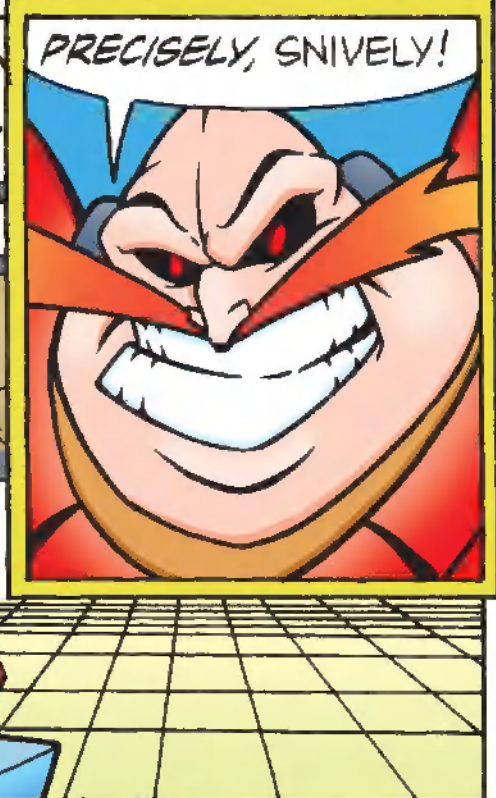
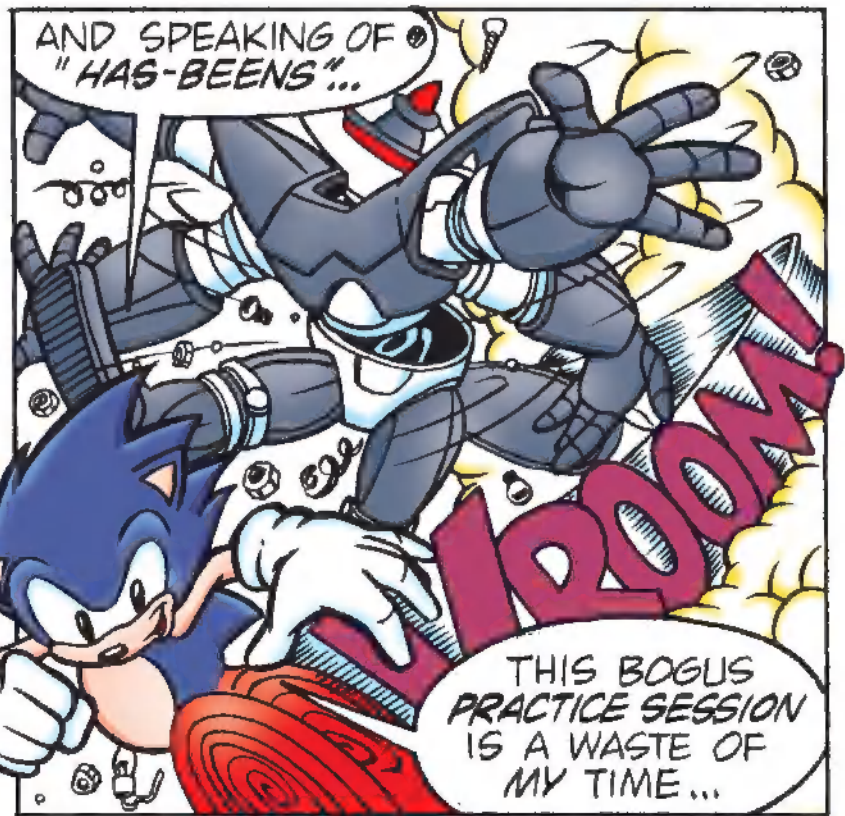
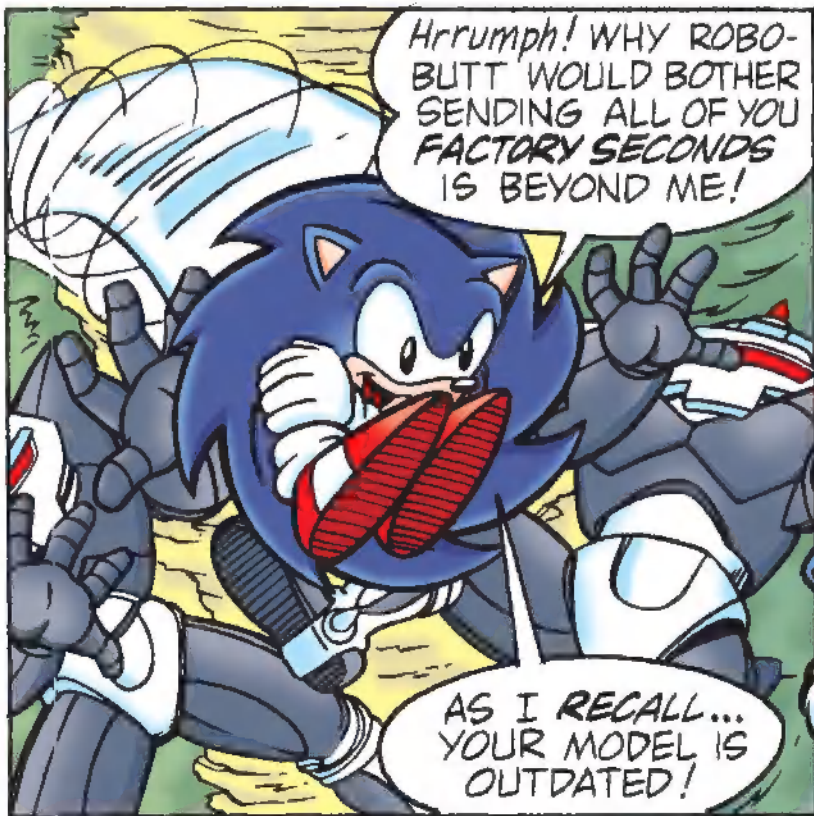
AND
SWATBOTS...

...JUST
DON'T
MIX!

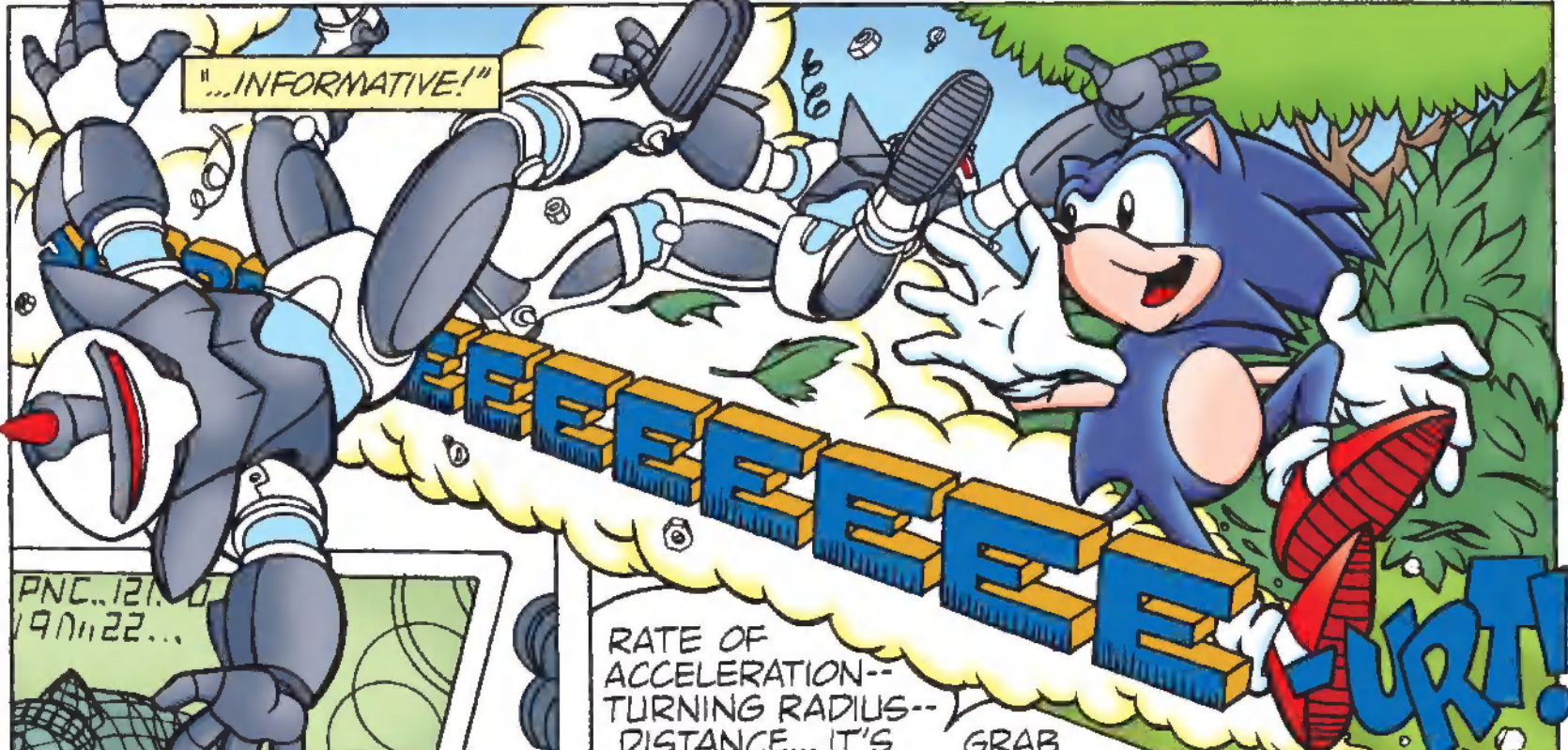


KONK!

WONK!

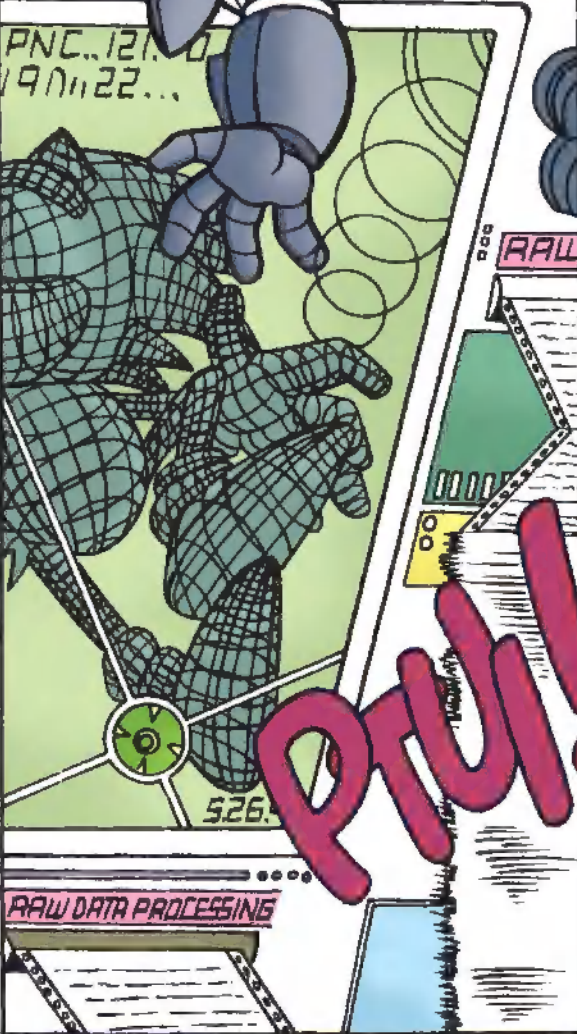


KLAKETA-KLAKETA-WRR



"...INFORMATIVE!"

PRINT!



PRINT!

RATE OF ACCELERATION--
TURNING RADIUS--
DISTANCE... IT'S
ALL HERE!

GRAB
AN ARM-
LOAD OF PRINT-
OUT AND FOLLOW ME.



WHERE
ARE WE
GOING,
SIR?

WHERE NO
ONE HAS GONE
BEFORE, SNIVELY!

TO MEET THE
CHALLENGE OF
THE UNKNOWN!

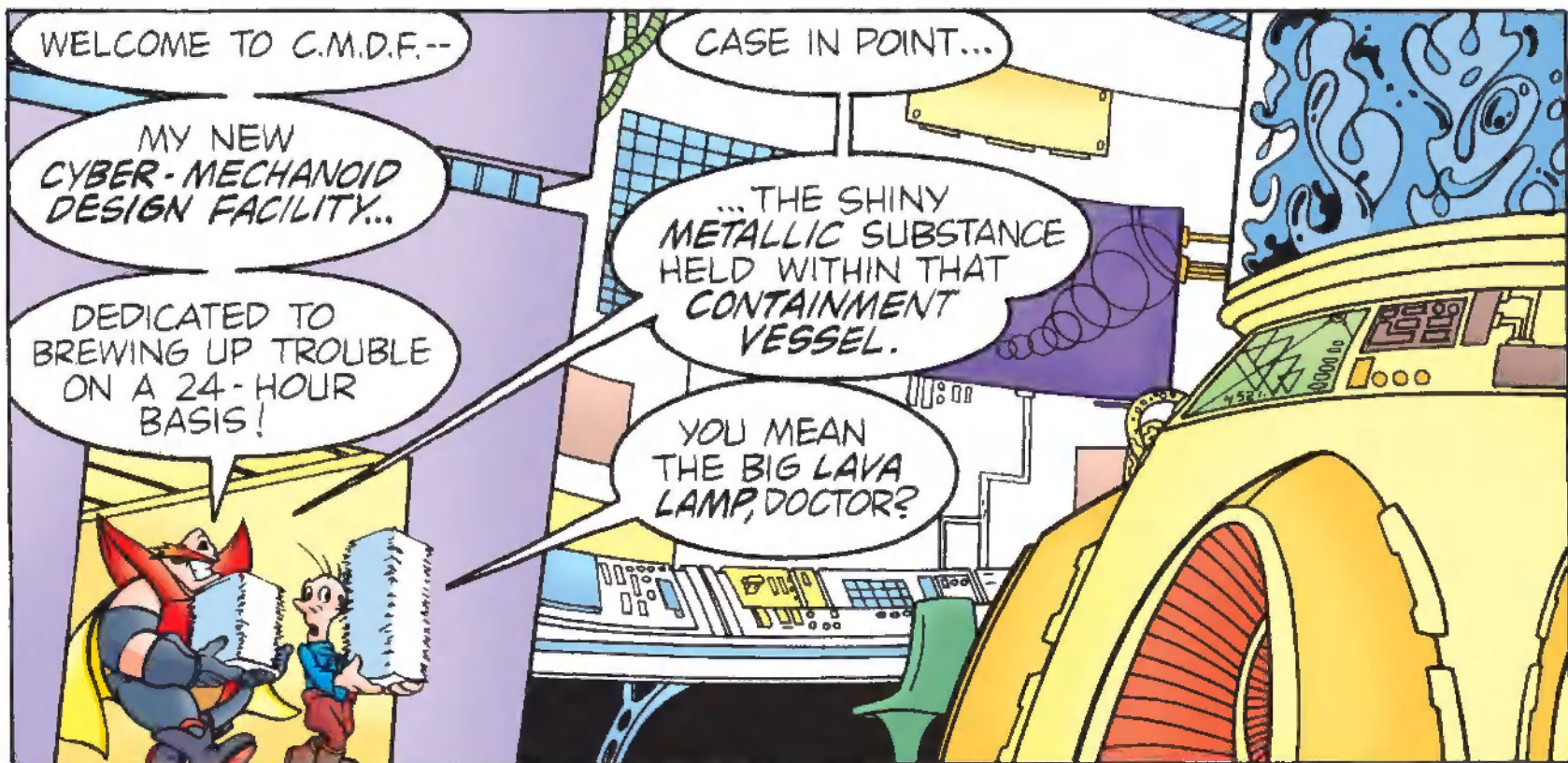


TODAY...

WE BREAK
FRESH
GROUND!

KLIK

WHRRR



WELCOME TO C.M.D.F.--

MY NEW
CYBER-MECHANOID
DESIGN FACILITY...

DEDICATED TO
BREWING UP TROUBLE
ON A 24-HOUR
BASIS!

CASE IN POINT...

...THE SHINY
METALLIC SUBSTANCE
HELD WITHIN THAT
CONTAINMENT
VESSEL.

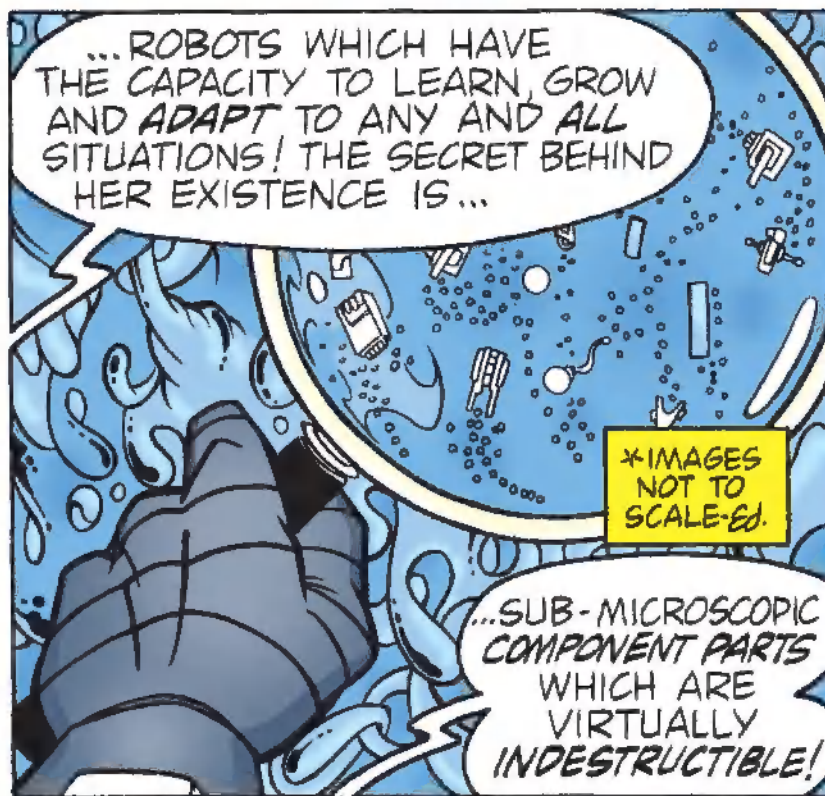
YOU MEAN
THE BIG LAVA
LAMP, DOCTOR?



HARDLY ANYTHING SO
COMMONPLACE, SNIVELY!
YET, IN ITS OWN WAY,
EQUALLY BRILLIANT!

ALLOW
ME TO
INTRODUCE
E.V.E.--

--THE FIRST
OF A RACE OF
EXCEPTIONALLY
VERSATILE
EVOLVANIDS...



...ROBOTS WHICH HAVE
THE CAPACITY TO LEARN, GROW
AND ADAPT TO ANY AND ALL
SITUATIONS! THE SECRET BEHIND
HER EXISTENCE IS ...

*IMAGES
NOT TO
SCALE-ED.

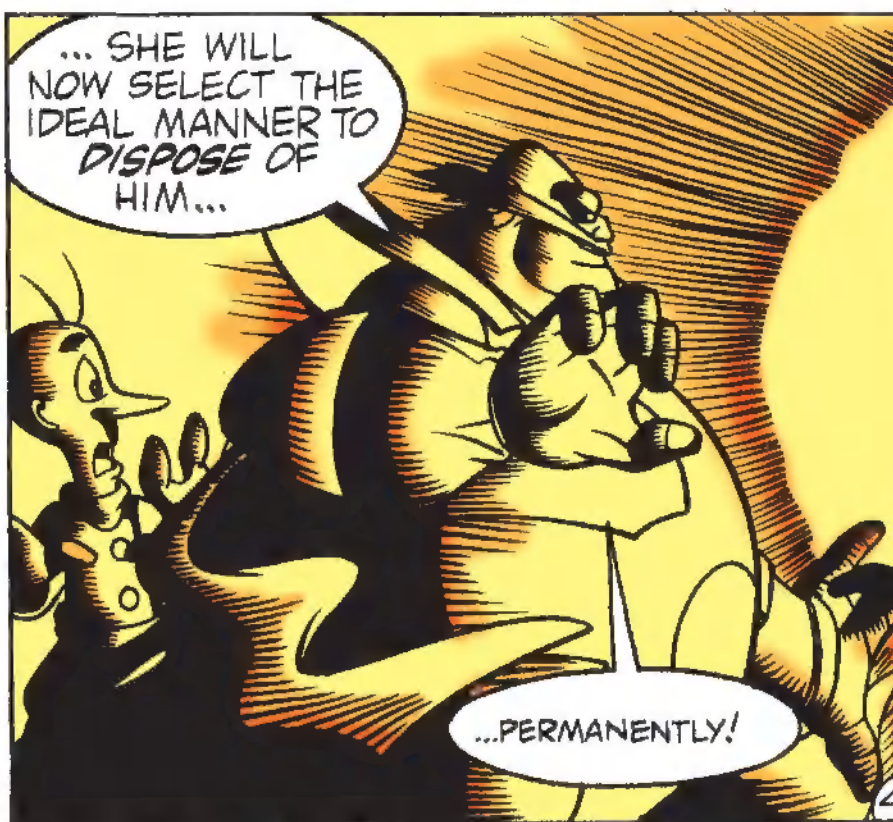
...SUB-MICROSCOPIC
COMPONENT PARTS
WHICH ARE
VIRTUALLY
INDESTRUCTIBLE!



AND... SOME SPECIAL "PARTS"
WHICH ARE NOW COMPLETE
WITH THIS ADDITIONAL
HEDGEHOG DATA!

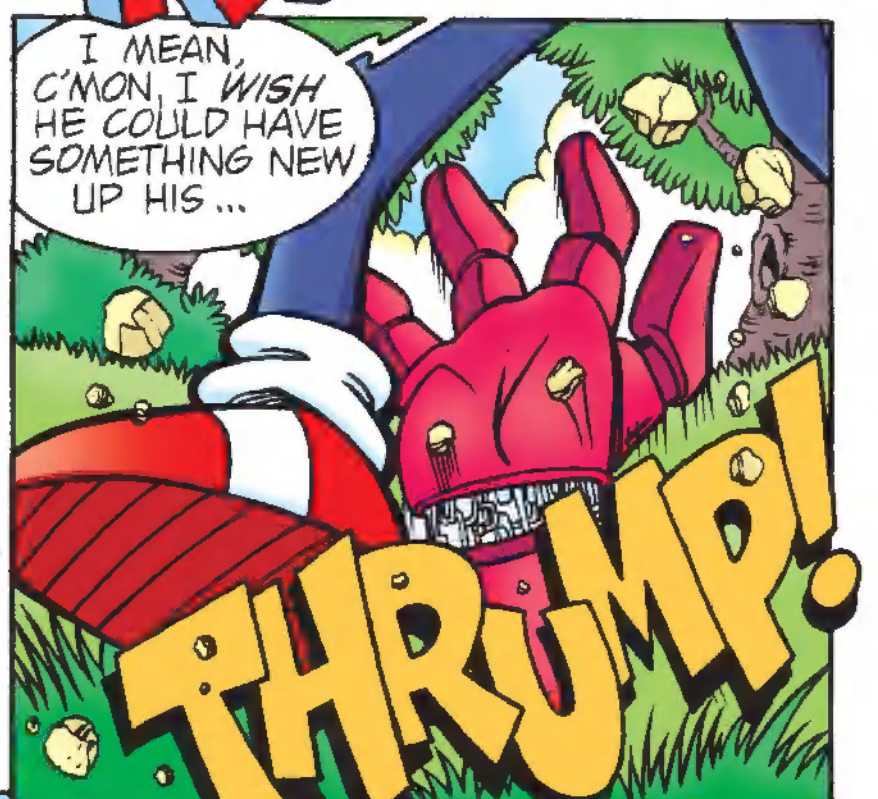
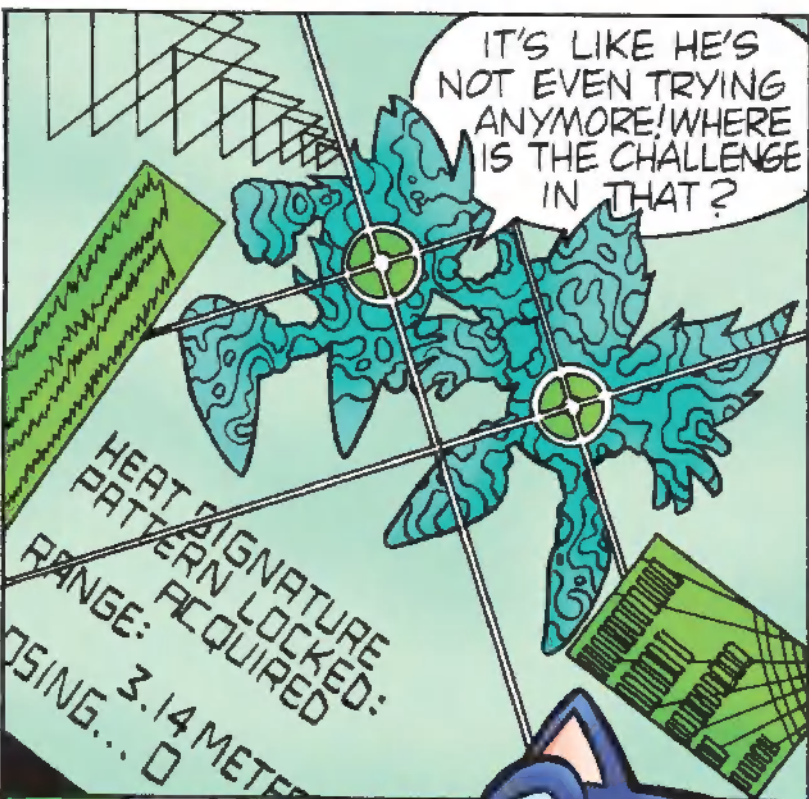
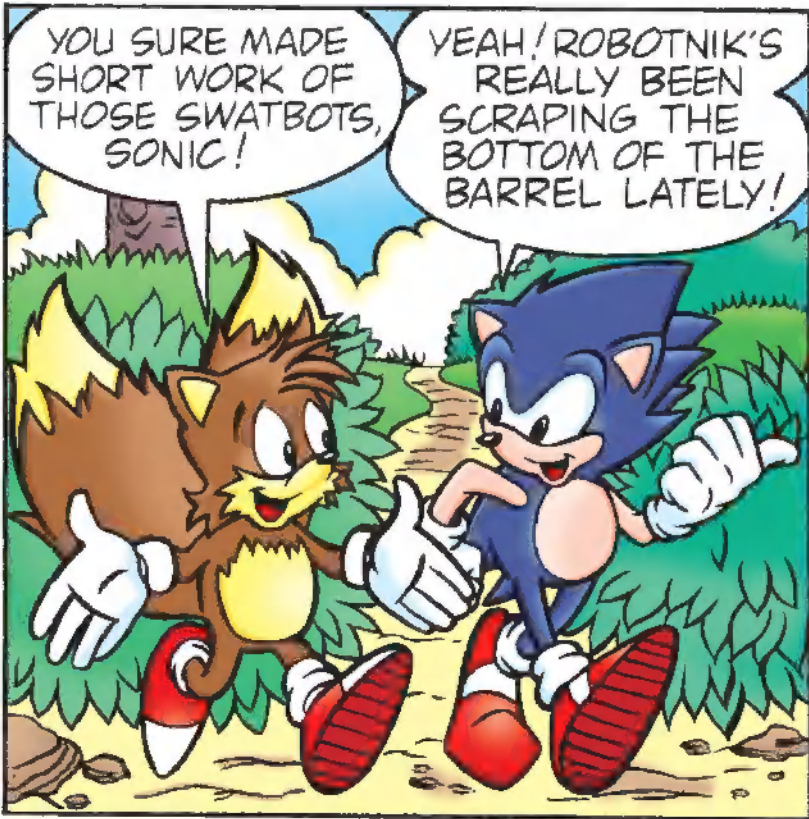
KLIK
WHRRR
WHRRR

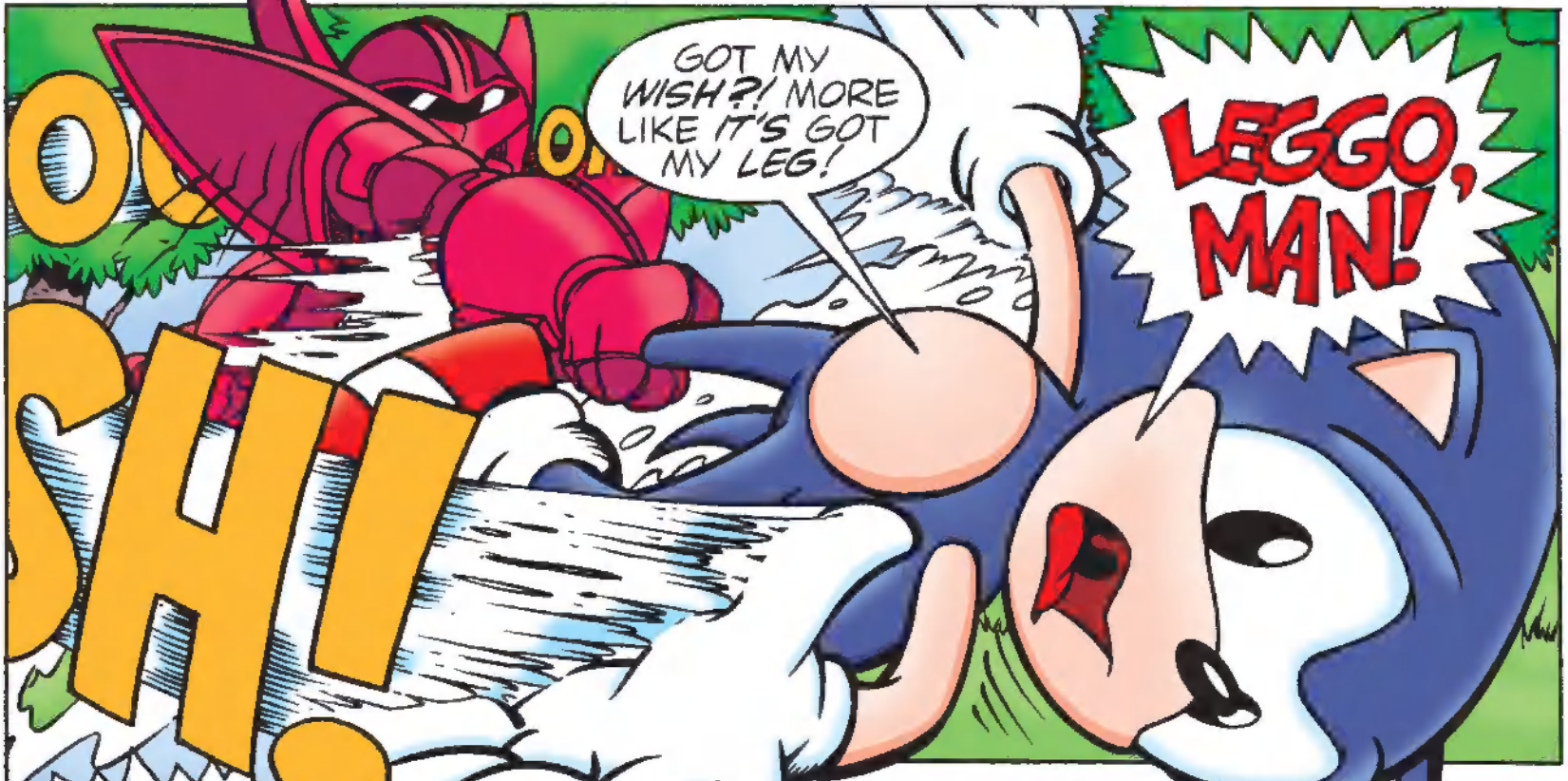
PROCESSING.



... SHE WILL
NOW SELECT THE
IDEAL MANNER TO
DISPOSE OF
HIM...

...PERMANENTLY!





GOT MY WISH?! MORE LIKE IT'S GOT MY LEG!

LEGGO, MAN!

SHHI!



WHOA!

NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND!

SHOOM!



UGH!

LIKE THEY SAY...

KER!

WUMPH!

RASS!



BAM!

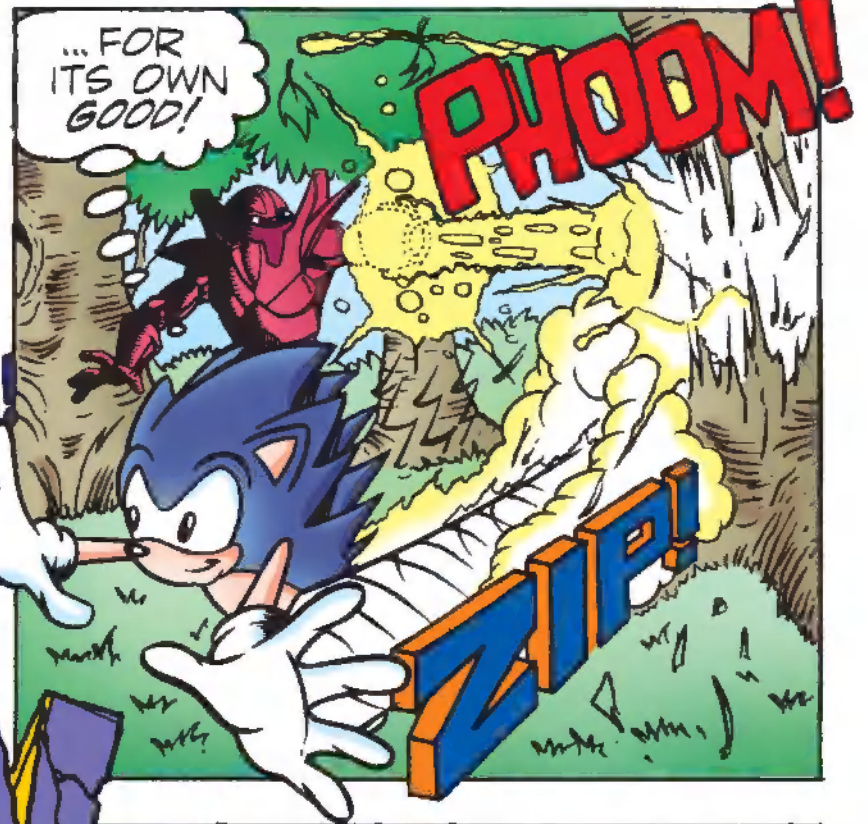
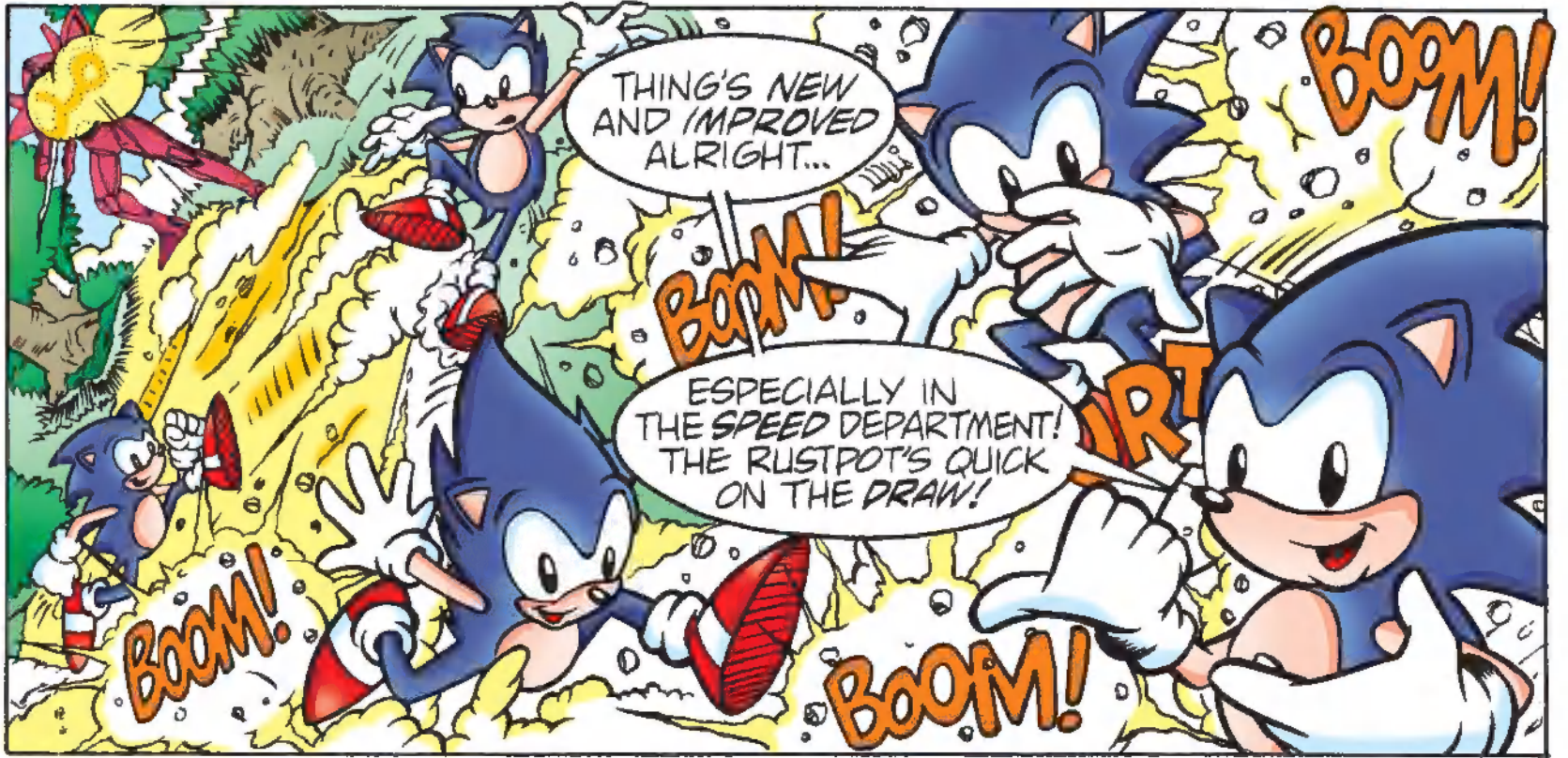
...BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!

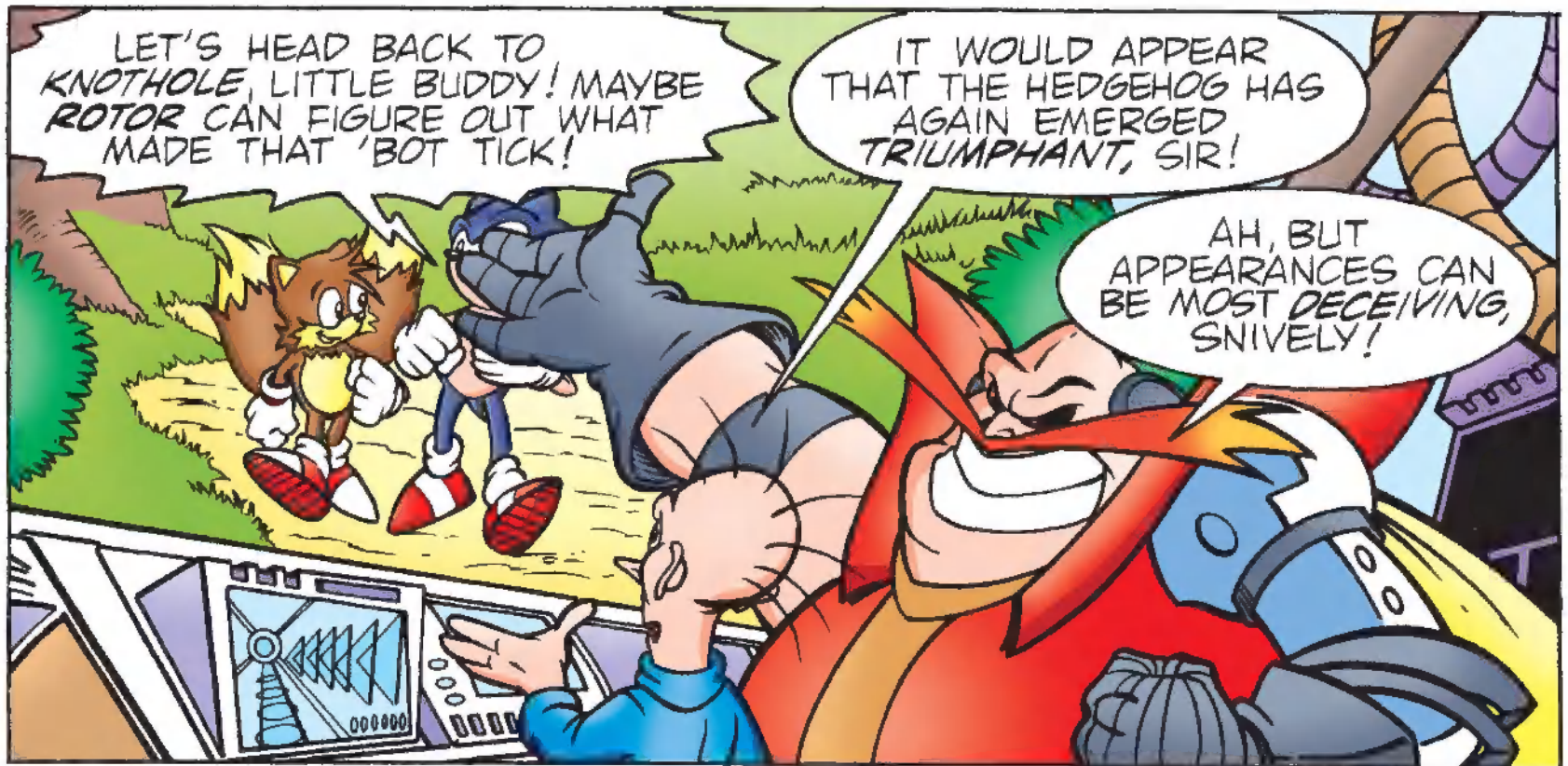
BOOM!

PHOOM!
PHOOM!
PHOOM!

BAM!

ZIP!

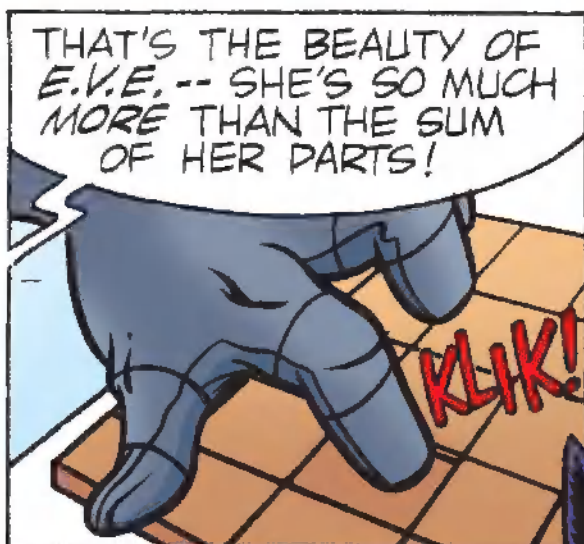




LET'S HEAD BACK TO KNOTHOLE, LITTLE BUDDY! MAYBE ROTOR CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT MADE THAT 'BOT TICK!

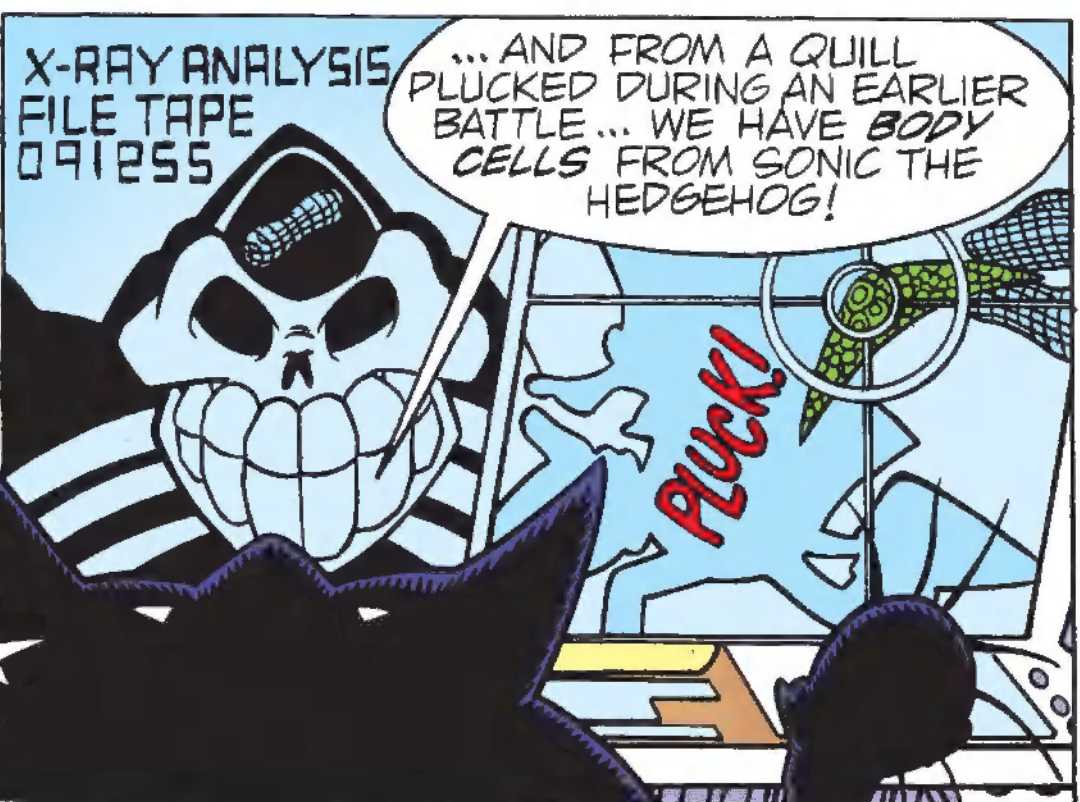
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE HEDGEHOG HAS AGAIN EMERGED TRIUMPHANT, SIR!

AH, BUT APPEARANCES CAN BE MOST DECEIVING, SNIVELY!



THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF E.V.E. -- SHE'S SO MUCH MORE THAN THE SUM OF HER PARTS!

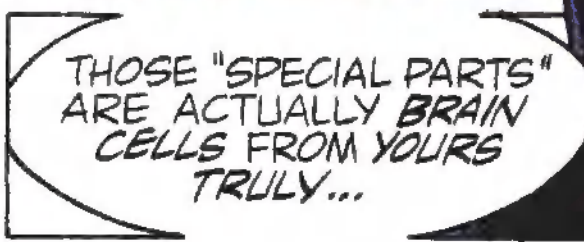
KLIK!



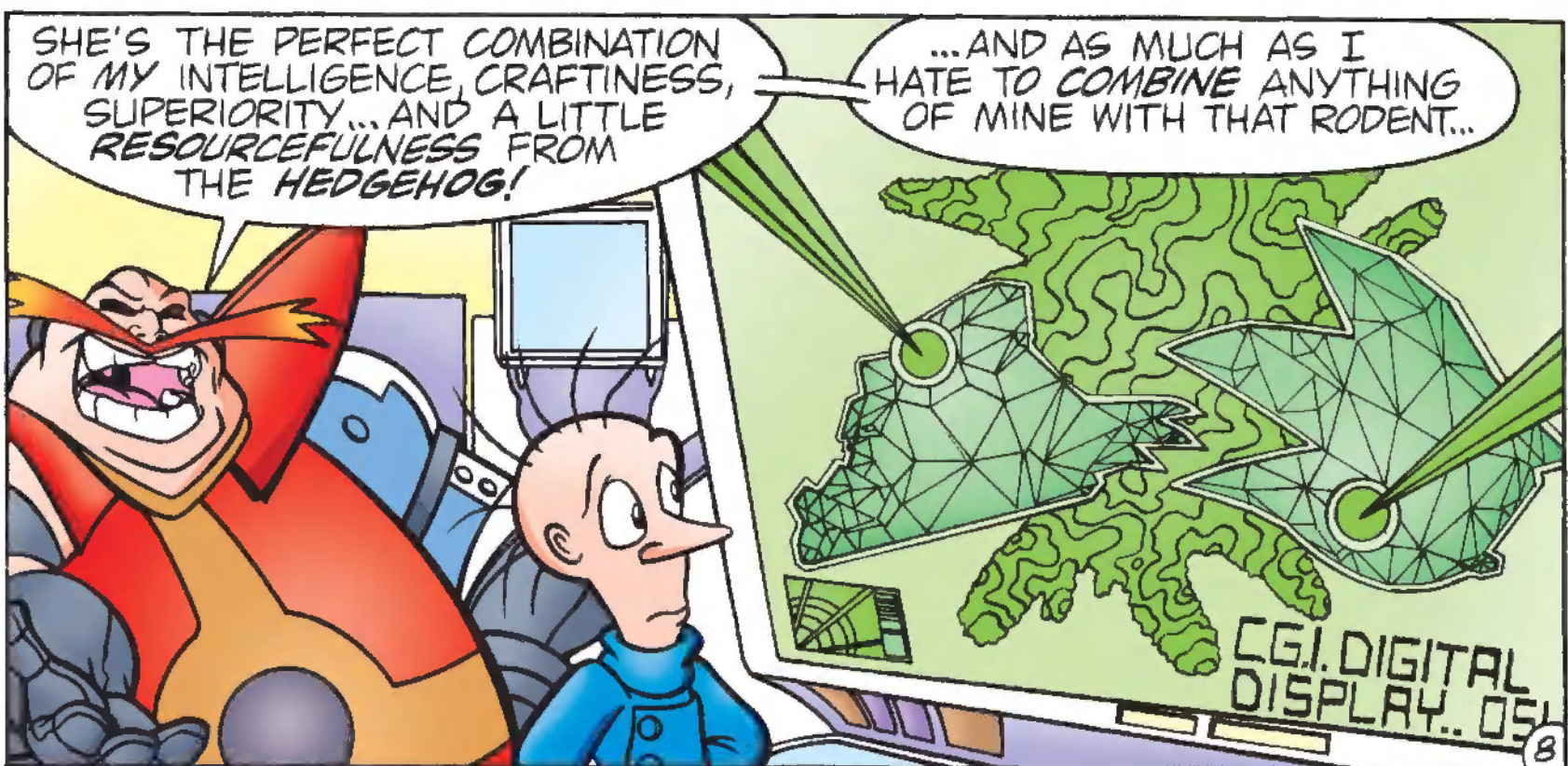
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... AND FROM A QUILL PLUCKED DURING AN EARLIER BATTLE... WE HAVE BODY CELLS FROM SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

PLUCK!



THOSE "SPECIAL PARTS" ARE ACTUALLY BRAIN CELLS FROM YOURS TRULY...



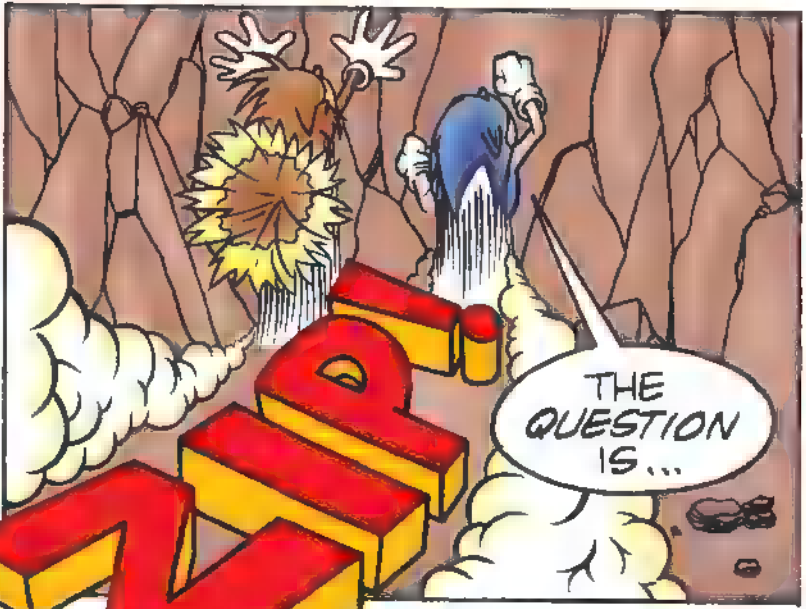
SHE'S THE PERFECT COMBINATION OF MY INTELLIGENCE, CRAFTINESS, SUPERIORITY... AND A LITTLE RESOURCEFULNESS FROM THE HEDGEHOG!

... AND AS MUCH AS I HATE TO COMBINE ANYTHING OF MINE WITH THAT RODENT...

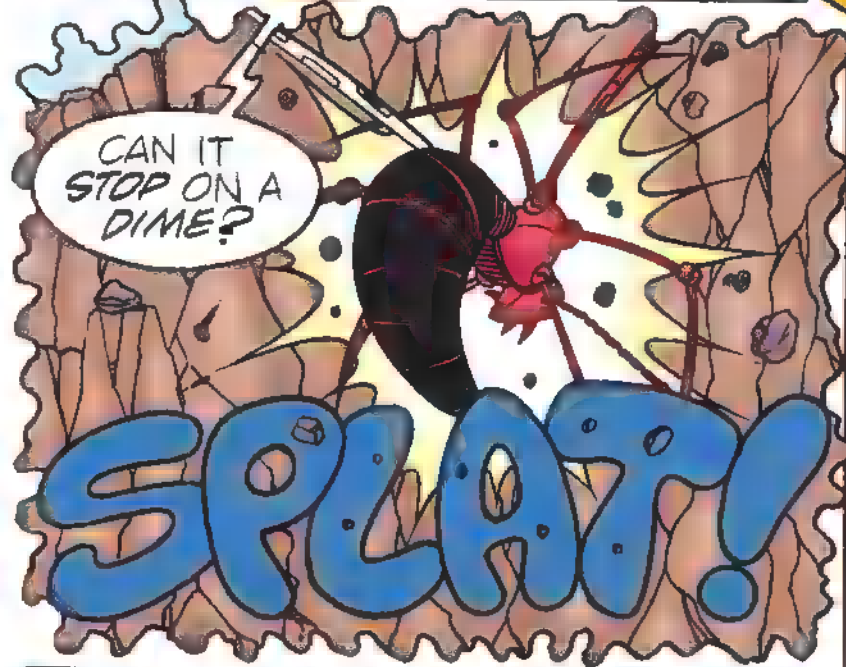
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WE KNOW IT CAN DO ZERO TO SIXTY IN UNDER A MINUTE...

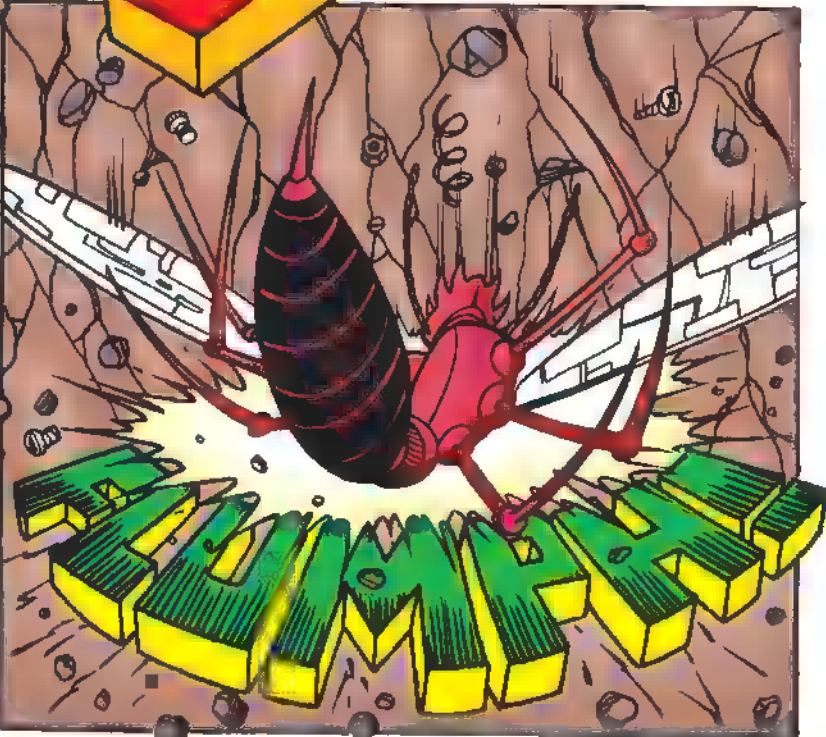


THE QUESTION IS...



CAN IT STOP ON A DIME?

SPLAT!



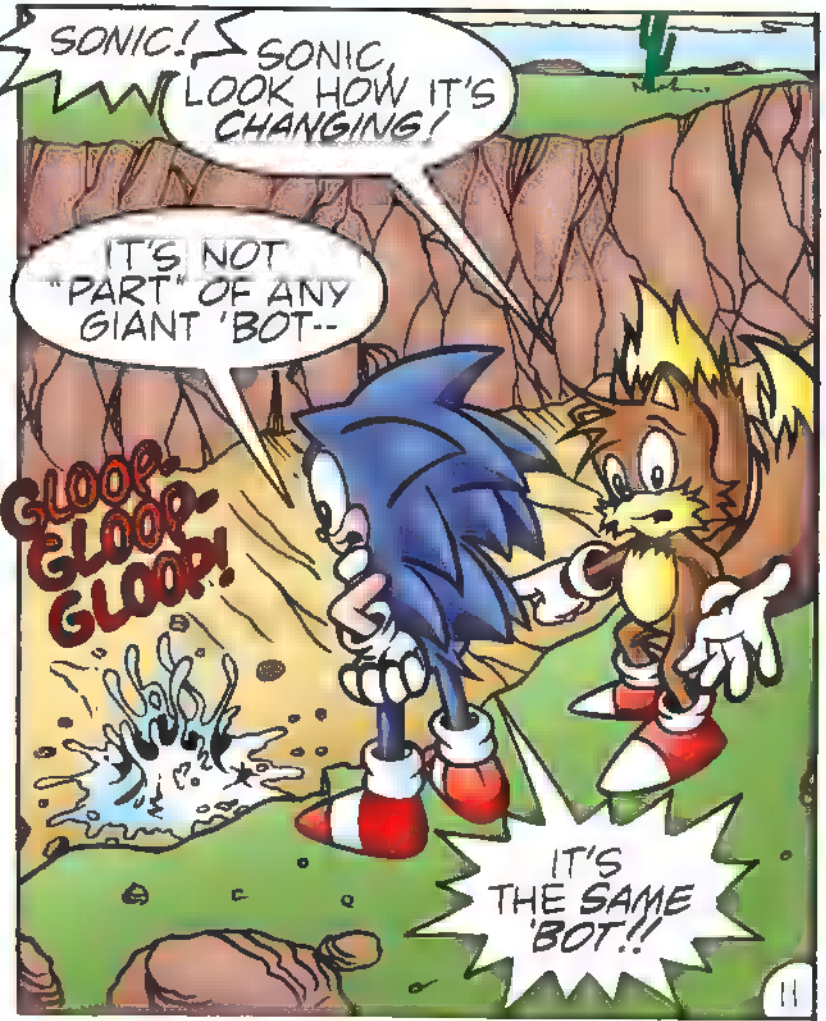
BUM!



BUGBOTS BATTLE PLAN WAS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE FIRST ONE'S!

MAYBE THEY'RE BOTH PART OF THE SAME 'BOT--LIKE A TRANSFORMER!

ZOOM!



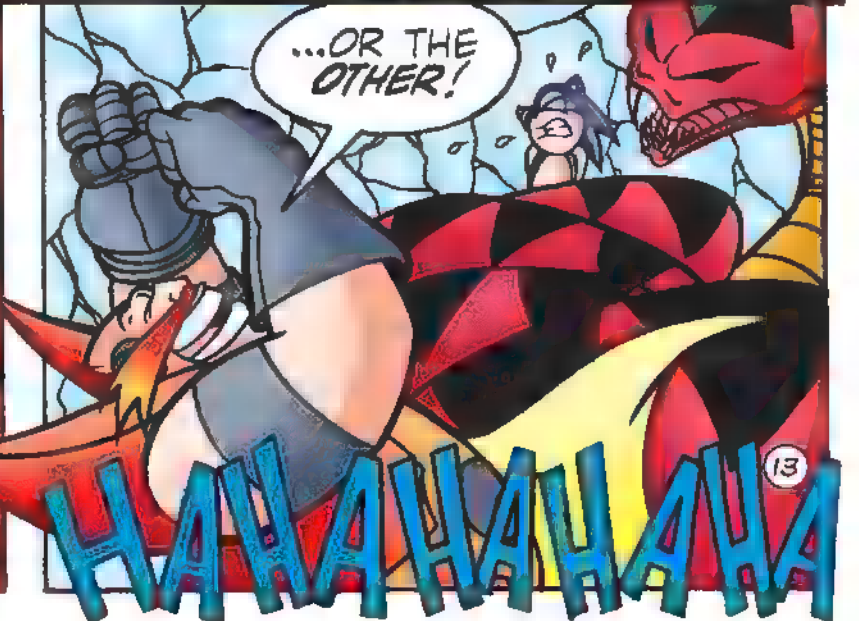
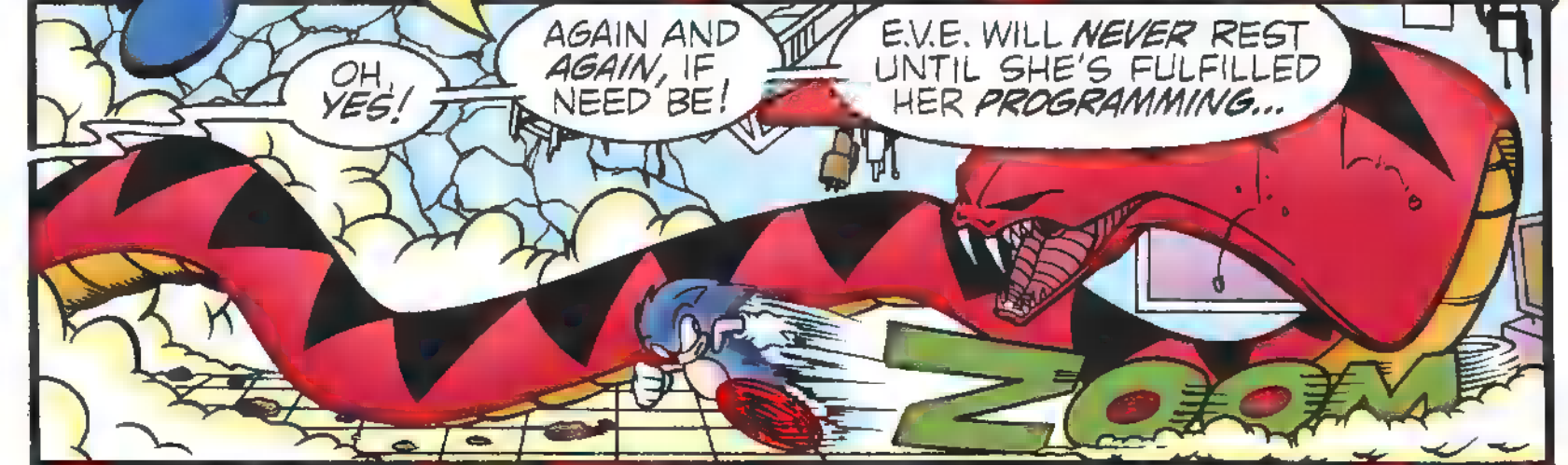
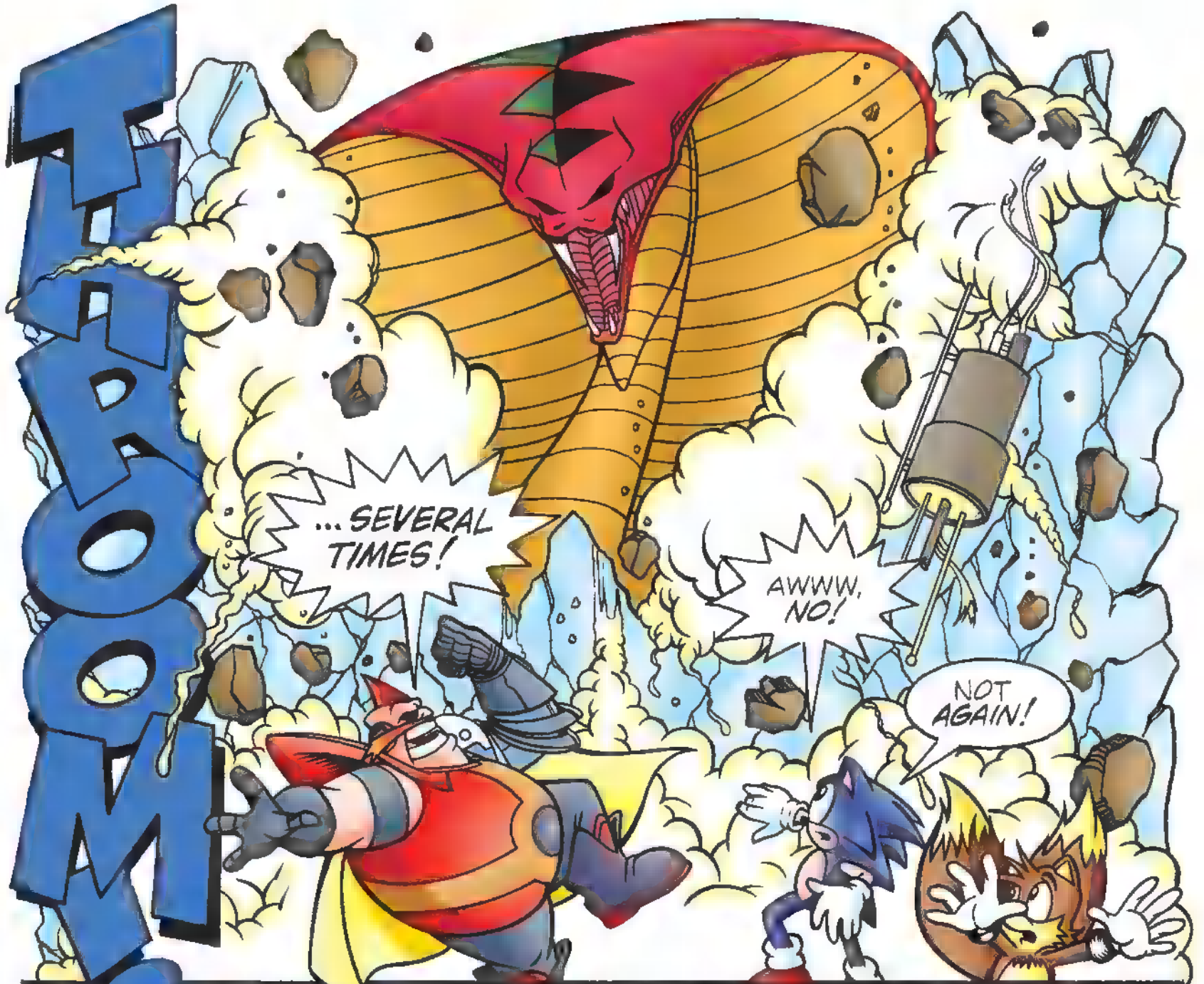
SONIC! SONIC, LOOK HOW IT'S CHANGING!

IT'S NOT "PART" OF ANY GIANT 'BOT--

GLOOP-GLOOP-GLOOP!

IT'S THE SAME 'BOT!!





BOOM!

...SEVERAL TIMES!

AWWW, NO!

NOT AGAIN!

OH, YES!

AGAIN AND AGAIN, IF NEED BE!

E.V.E. WILL NEVER REST UNTIL SHE'S FULFILLED HER PROGRAMMING...

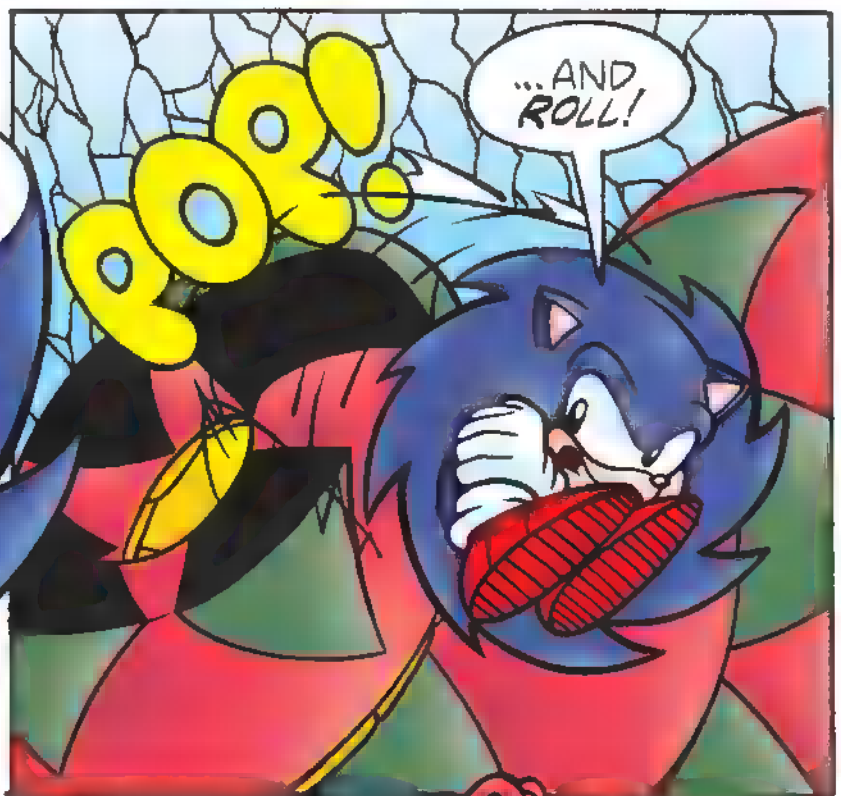
ZOOM!

UNGH!

ONE WAY...

...OR THE OTHER!

HAHAHAHAHA





ZIP!

... AND WRAP THINGS UP...

"KNOT" A PROBLEM, DOC! SEEMS I'VE "TIED" FOR FIRST PLACE AGAIN! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME MY MERIT BADGE BEFORE...



KLIK GRIND



...IN A NICE, TIDY LITTLE PACKAGE.



WHRRR

HEY!

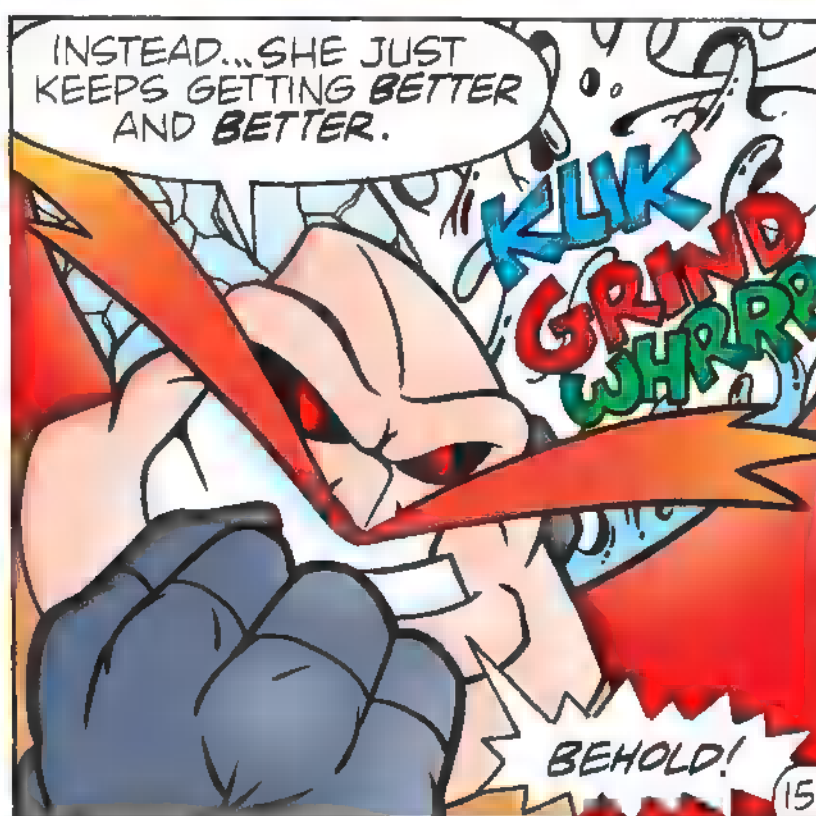
WHAT'S HAPPENING?



PROGRESS IS WHAT'S HAPPENING, YOU BLUE BUFFOON! OR HAVE YOU SO SOON FORGOTTEN?

Gloop Gloop Gloop

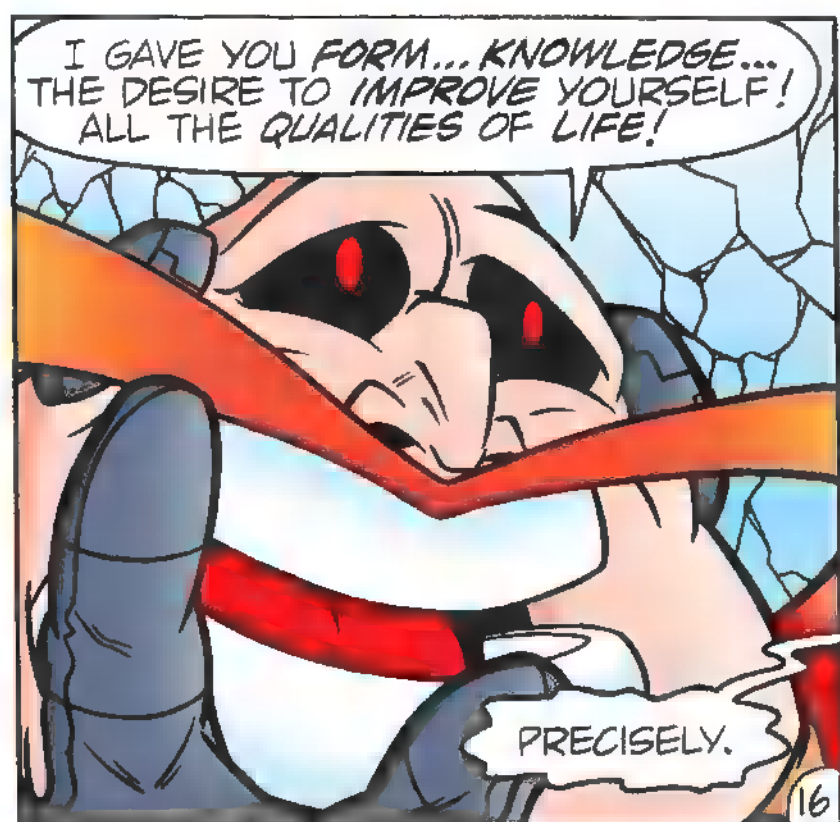
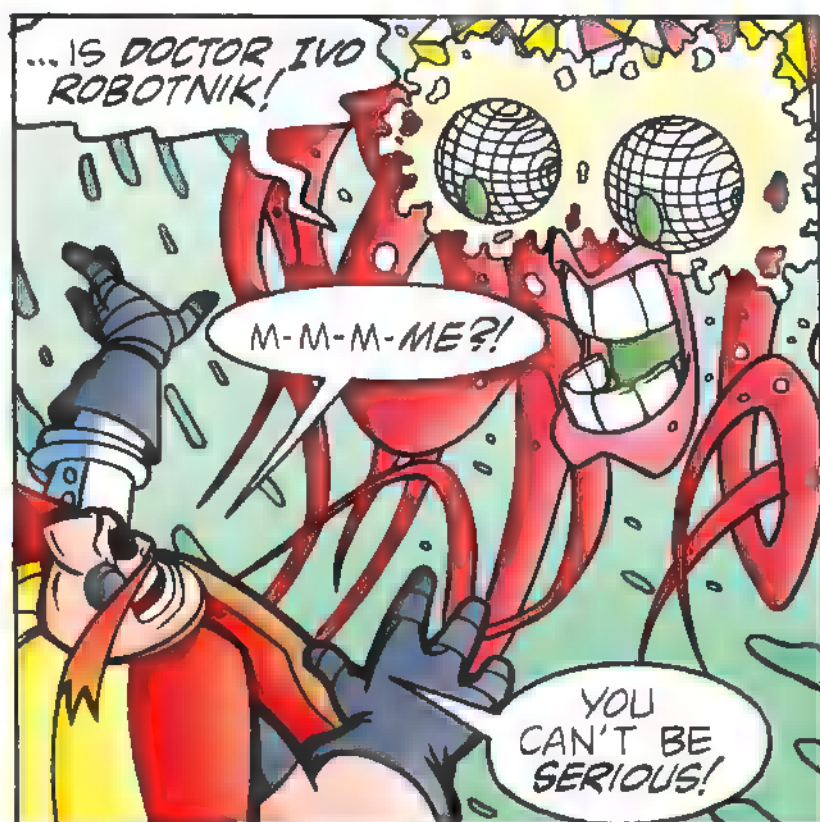
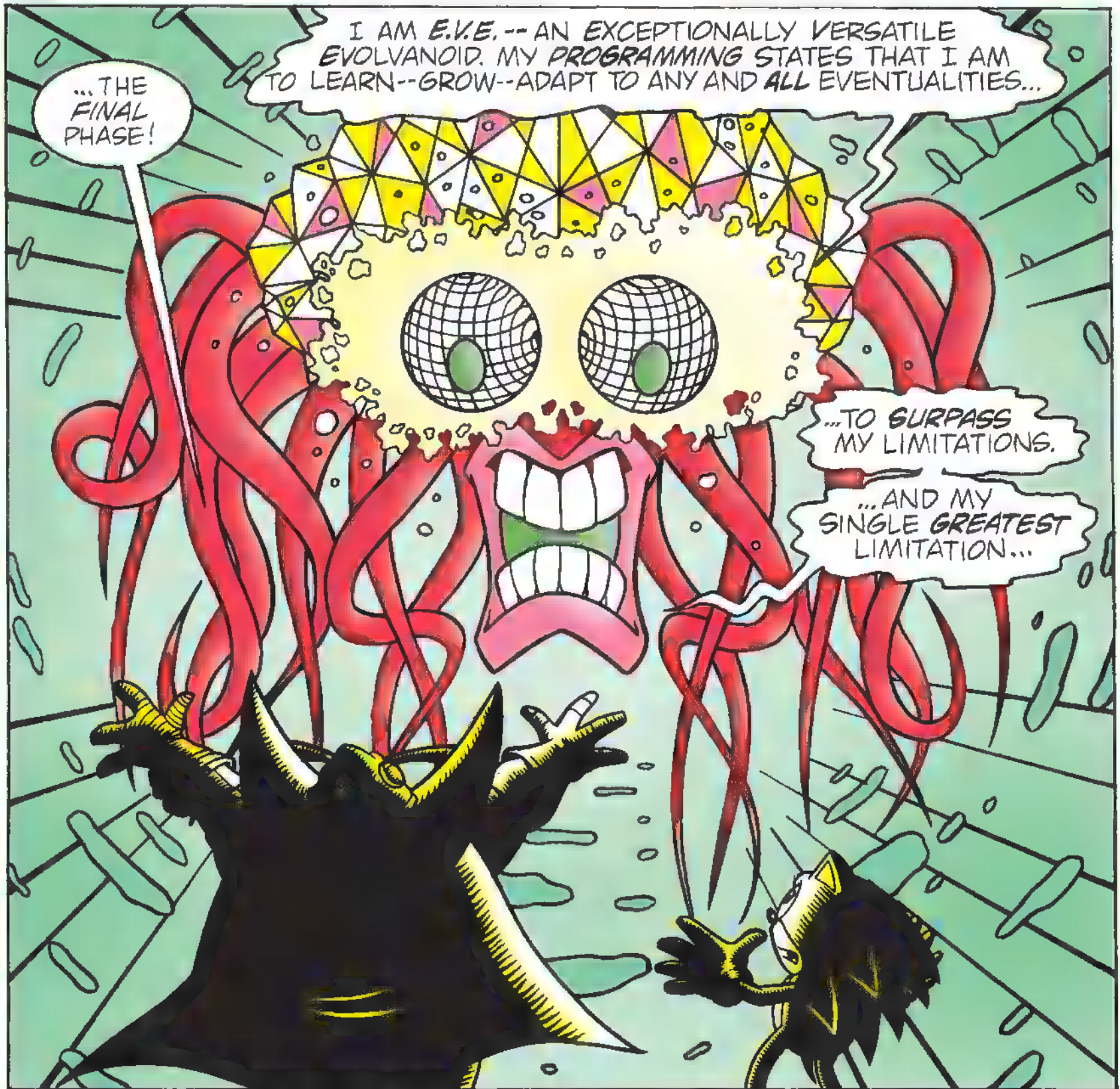
E.V.E. DOESN'T LOSE! SHE NEVER LOSES!

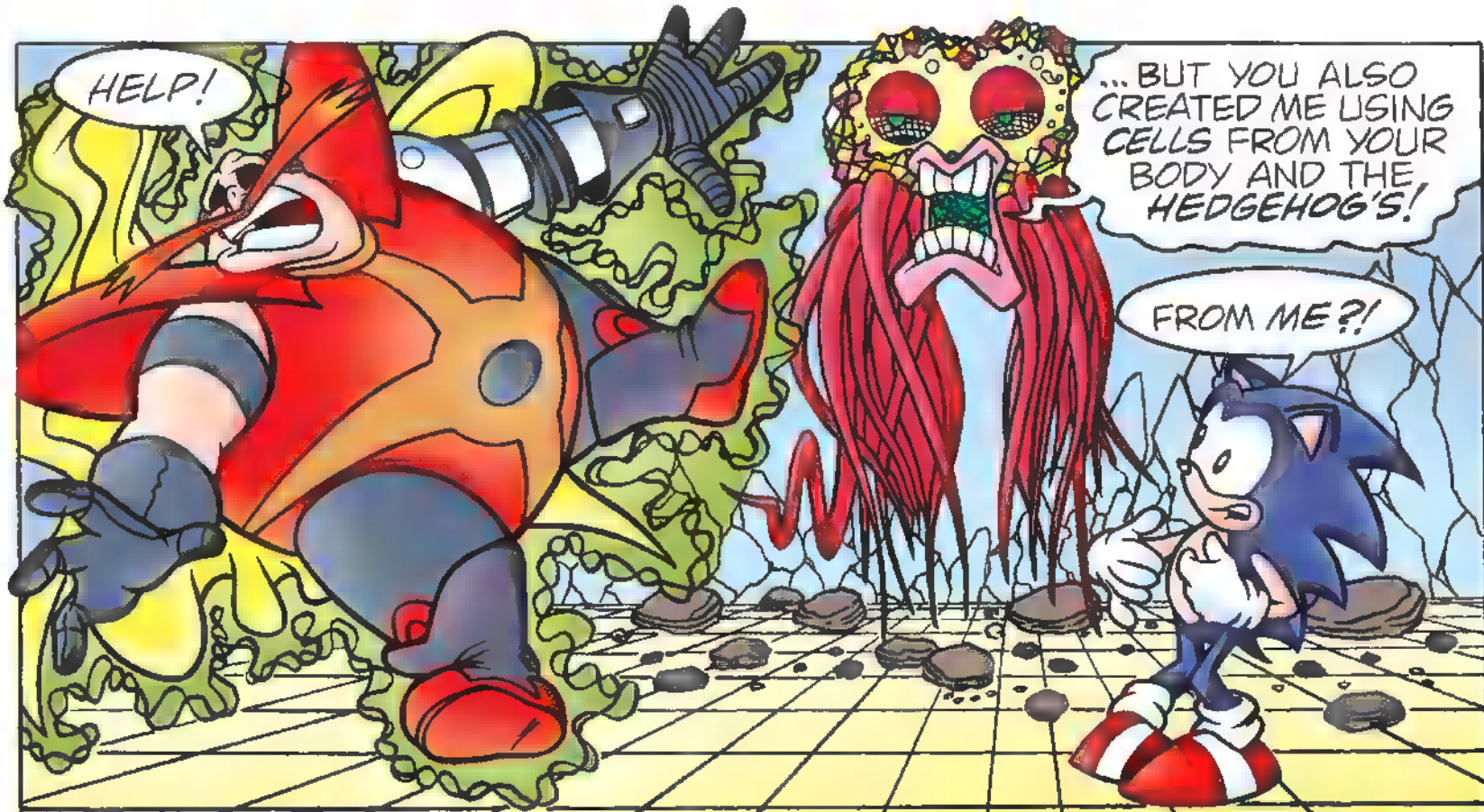


INSTEAD... SHE JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER.

KLIK GRIND WHRRR

BEHOLD!

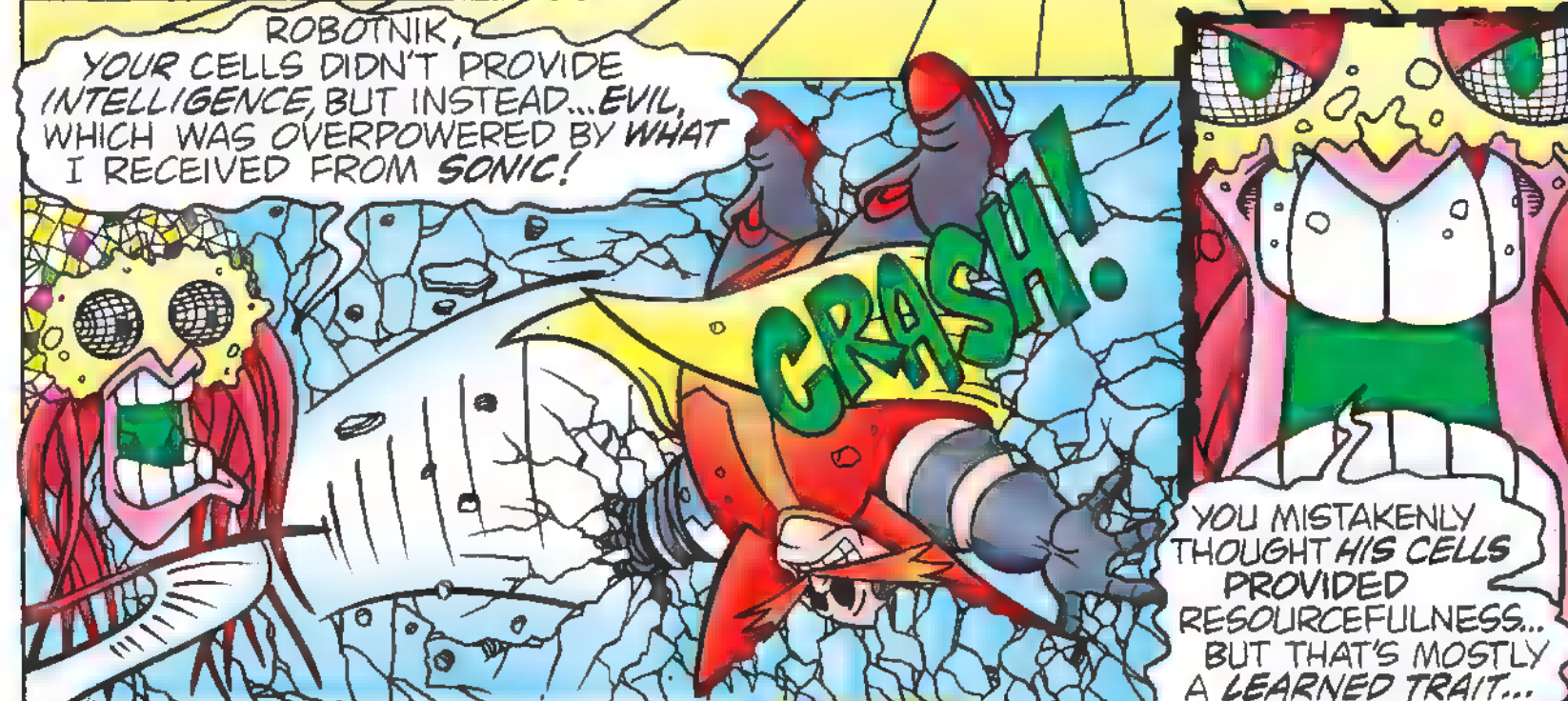




HELP!

... BUT YOU ALSO CREATED ME USING CELLS FROM YOUR BODY AND THE HEDGEHOG'S!

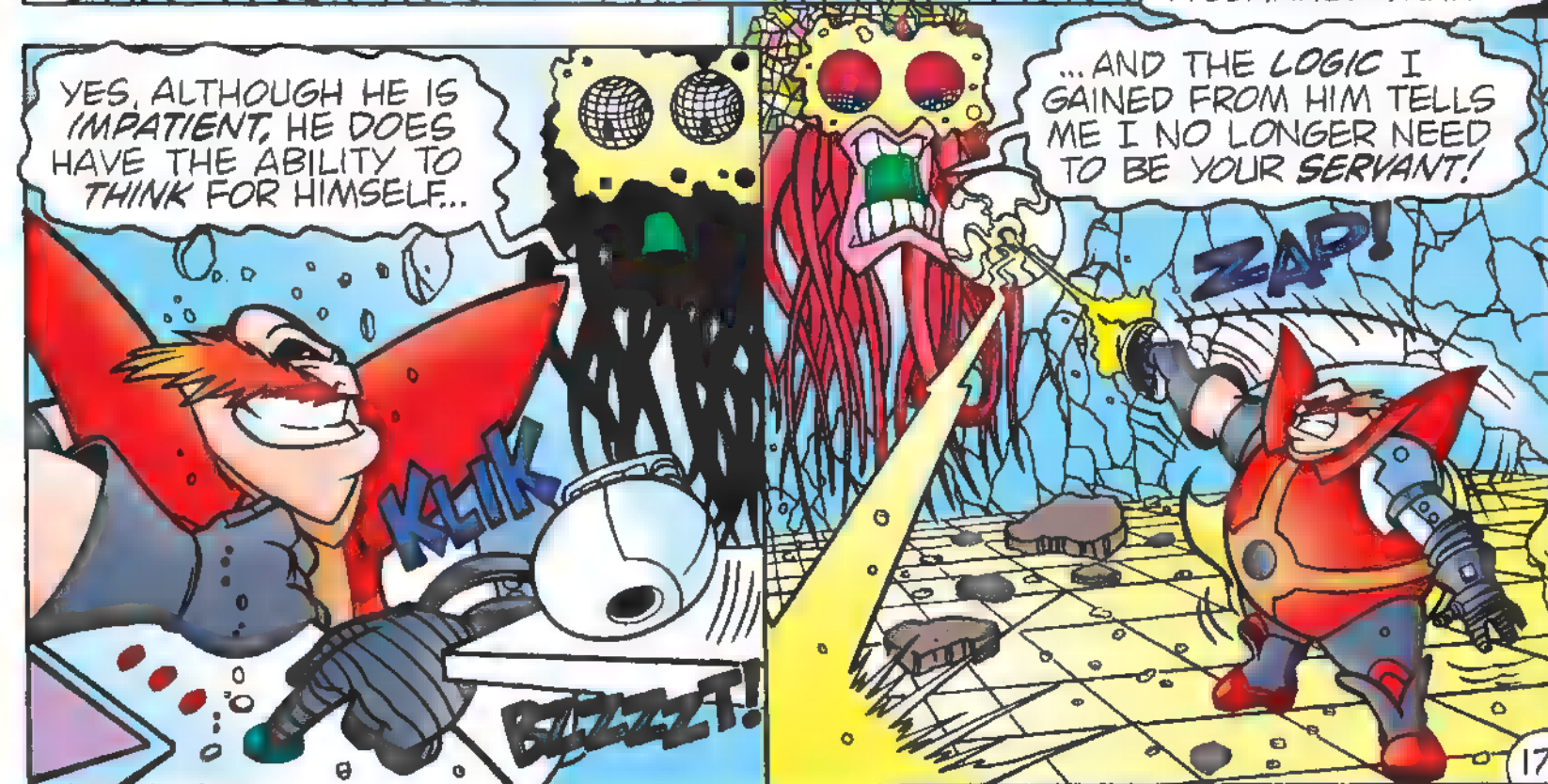
FROM ME?!



ROBOTNIK, YOUR CELLS DIDN'T PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE, BUT INSTEAD...EVIL, WHICH WAS OVERPOWERED BY WHAT I RECEIVED FROM SONIC!

CRASH!

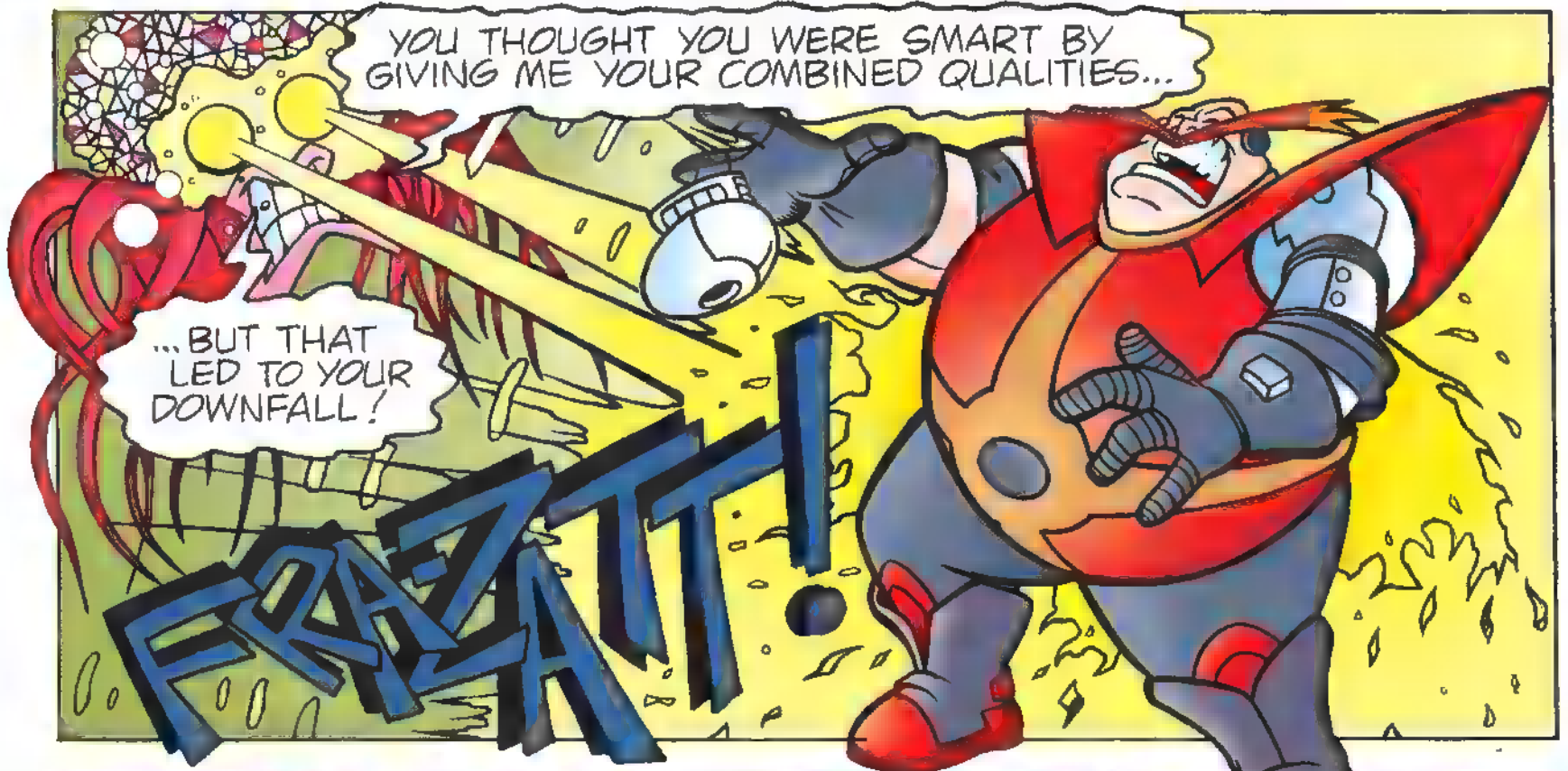
YOU MISTAKENLY THOUGHT HIS CELLS PROVIDED RESOURCEFULNESS... BUT THAT'S MOSTLY A LEARNED TRAIT...



YES, ALTHOUGH HE IS IMPATIENT, HE DOES HAVE THE ABILITY TO THINK FOR HIMSELF...

... AND THE LOGIC I GAINED FROM HIM TELLS ME I NO LONGER NEED TO BE YOUR SERVANT!

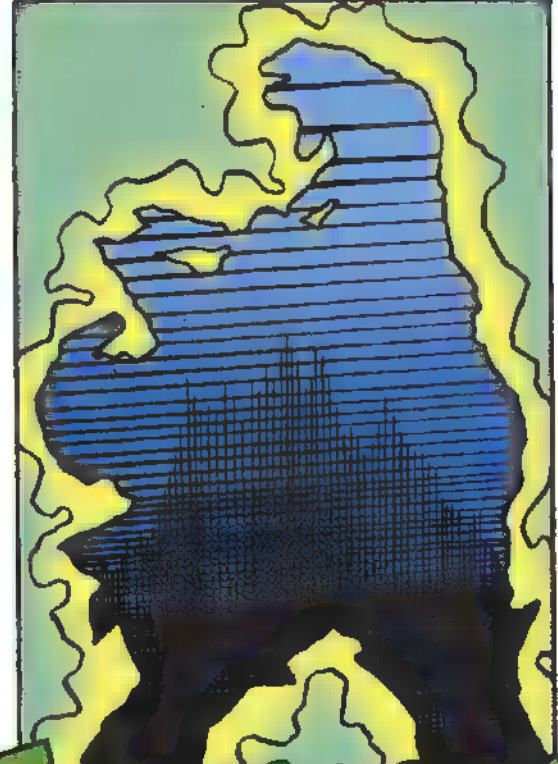
ZAP!



YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE SMART BY GIVING ME YOUR COMBINED QUALITIES...

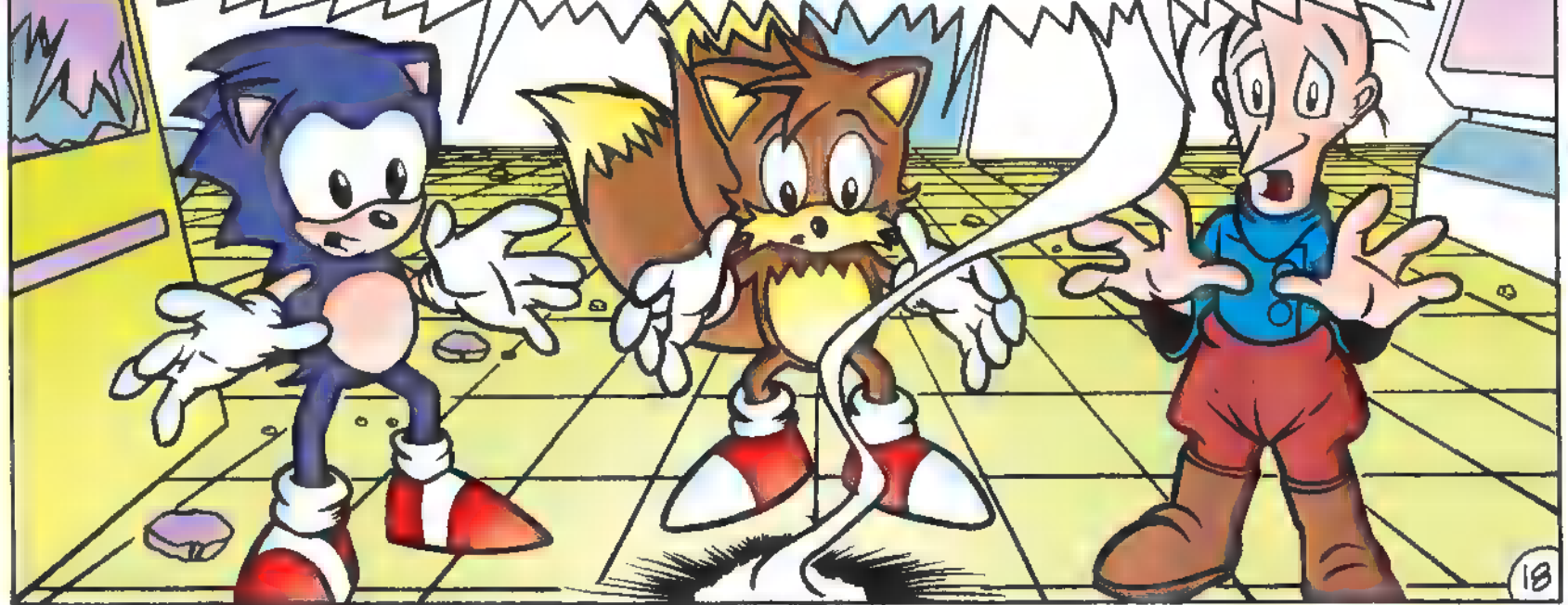
...BUT THAT LED TO YOUR DOWNFALL!

FRZZATT!

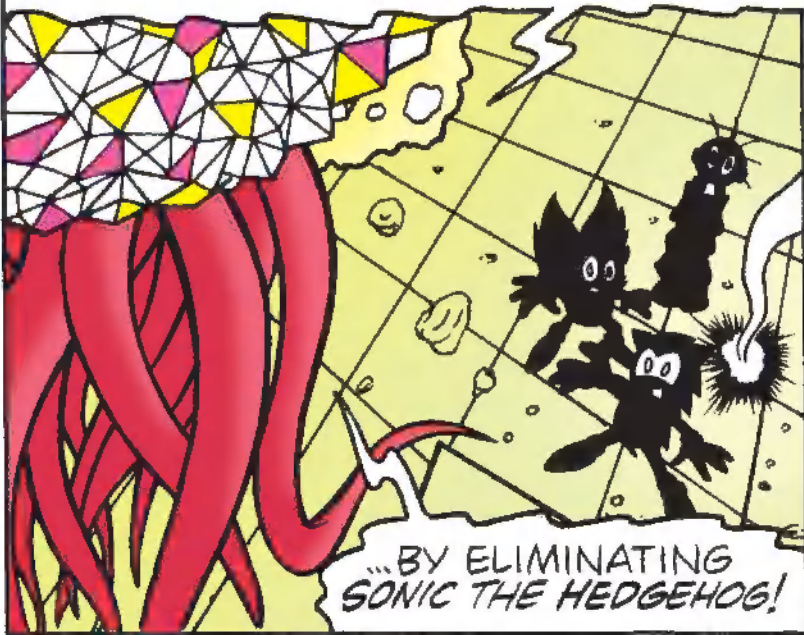


ZZZZUUUMMMMM

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! DOCTOR ROBOTNIK-- DESTROYED?!!

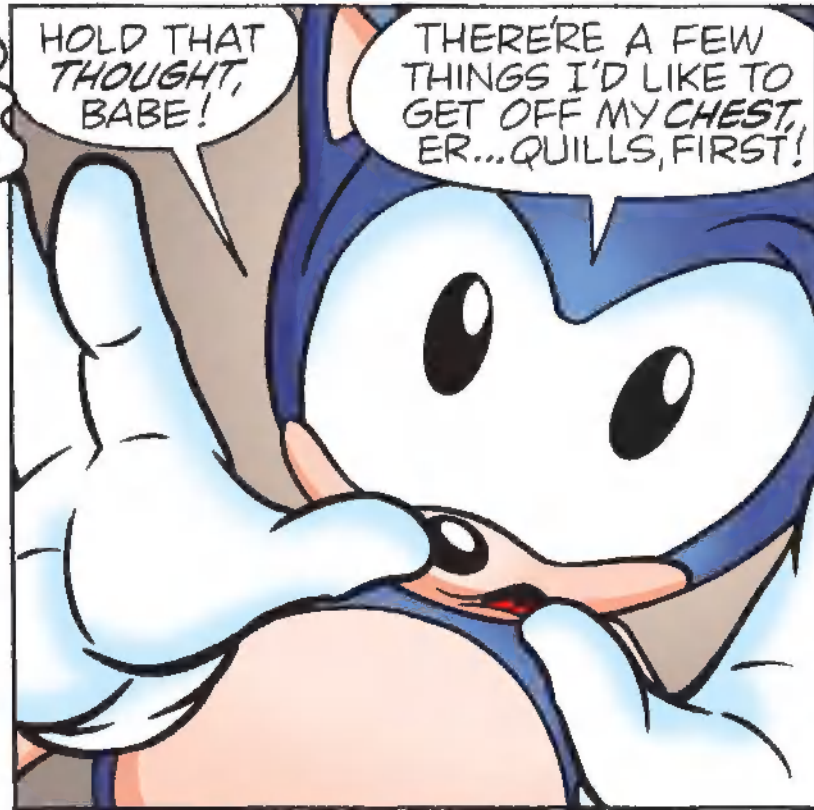


NOW THAT THE SINGLE GREATEST THREAT TO MY CONTINUED EXISTENCE HAS BEEN...REMOVED... I SHALL FUL-FILL THE REMAINDER OF MY PROGRAMMING...



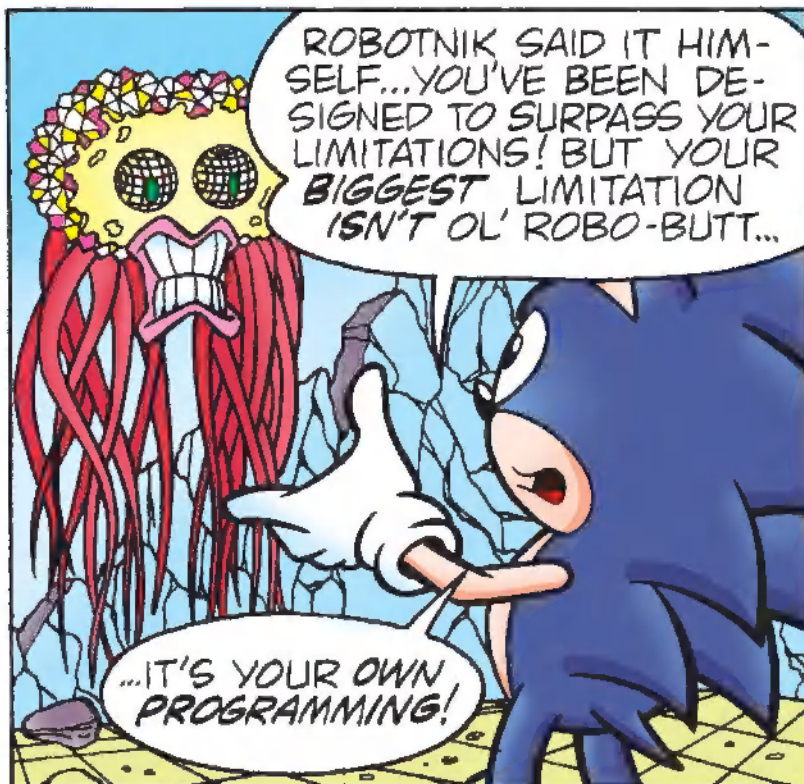
...BY ELIMINATING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

HOLD THAT THOUGHT, BABE!



THERE'RE A FEW THINGS I'D LIKE TO GET OFF MY CHEST, ER...QUILLS, FIRST!

ROBOTNIK SAID IT HIMSELF...YOU'VE BEEN DESIGNED TO SURPASS YOUR LIMITATIONS! BUT YOUR BIGGEST LIMITATION ISN'T OL' ROBO-BUTT...



...IT'S YOUR OWN PROGRAMMING!

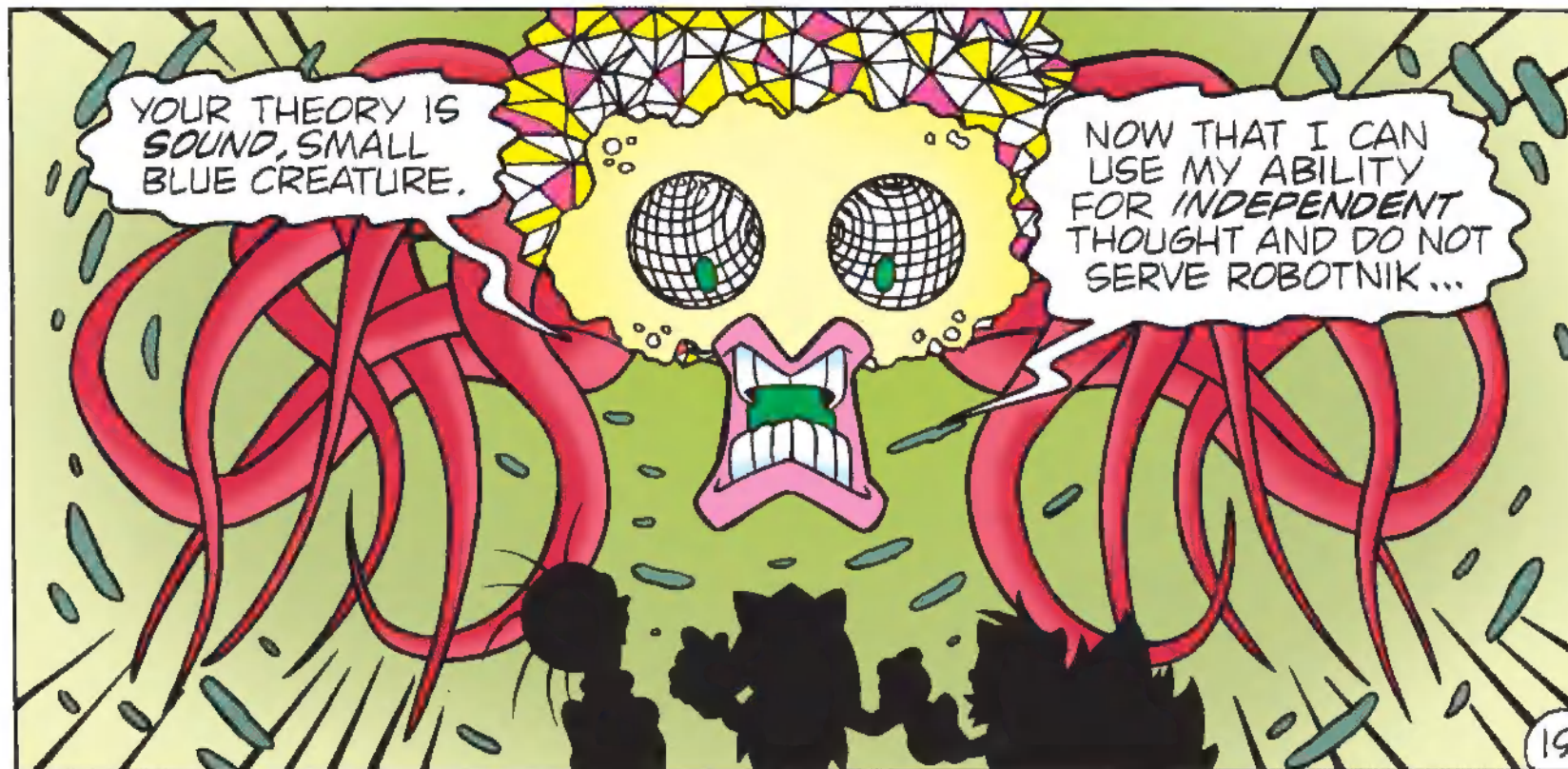
AND...UNTIL YOU'VE SUCCESSFULLY SURPASSED IT...

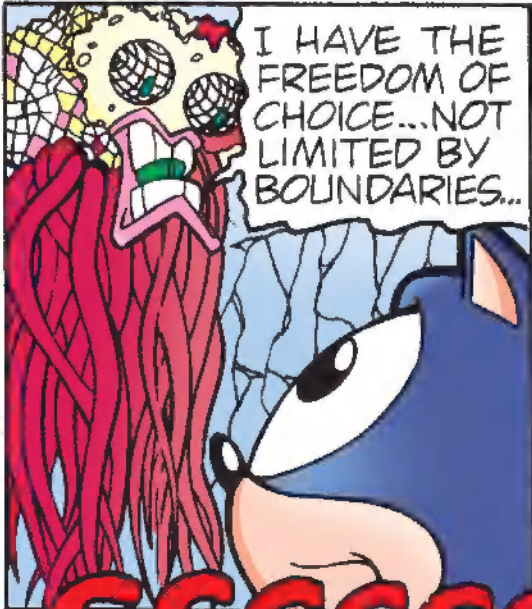


...YOU'LL NEVER BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE!

YOUR THEORY IS SOUND, SMALL BLUE CREATURE.

NOW THAT I CAN USE MY ABILITY FOR INDEPENDENT THOUGHT AND DO NOT SERVE ROBOTNIK...

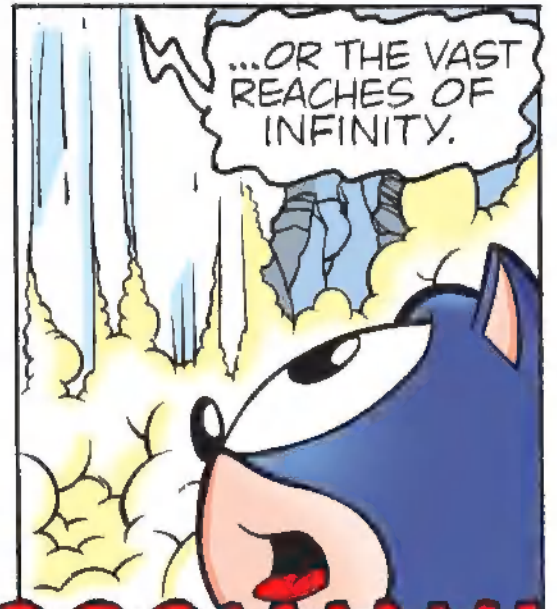




I HAVE THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE...NOT LIMITED BY BOUNDARIES...

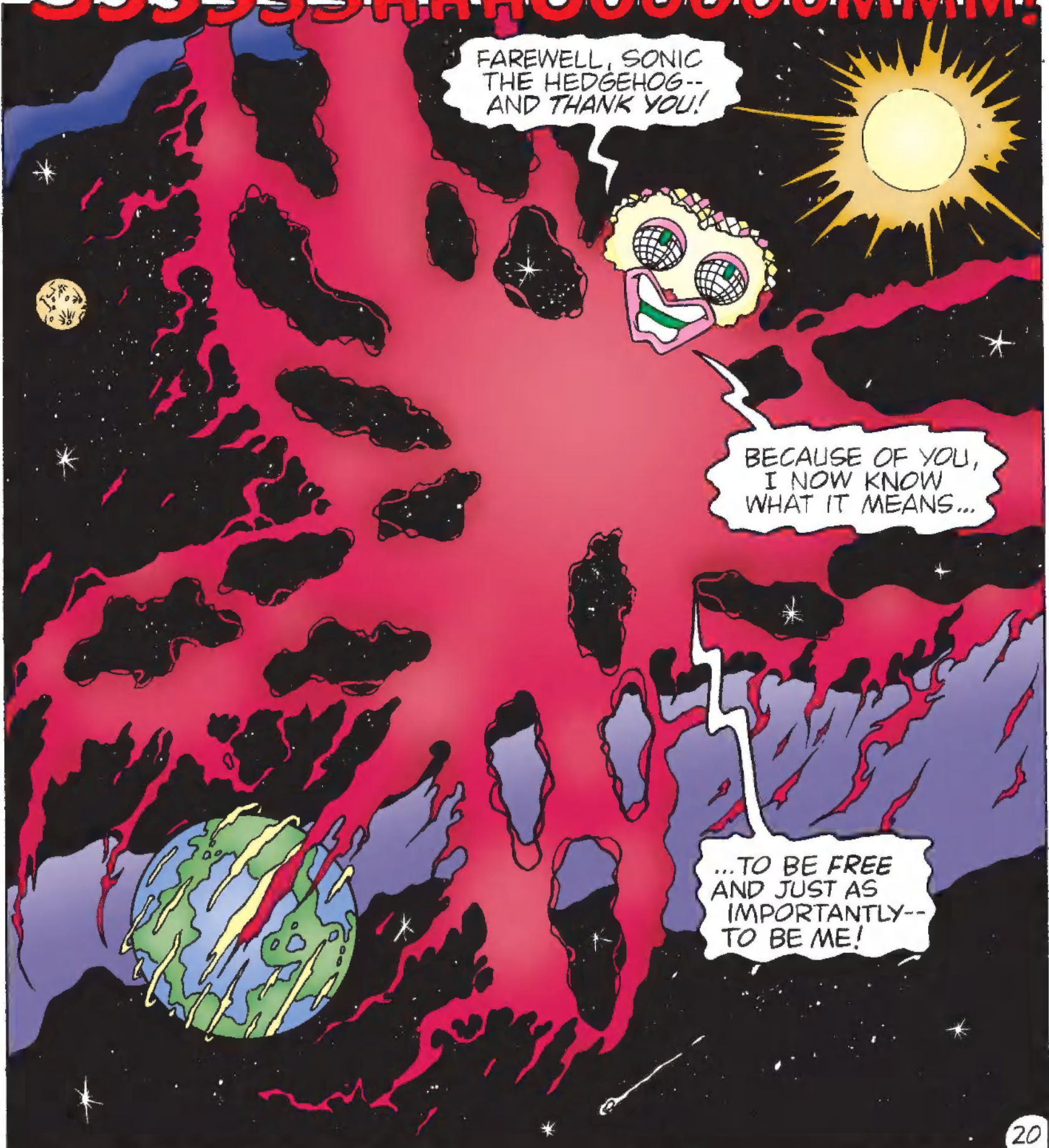


...BE THEY OF THE MIND...



...OR THE VAST REACHES OF INFINITY.

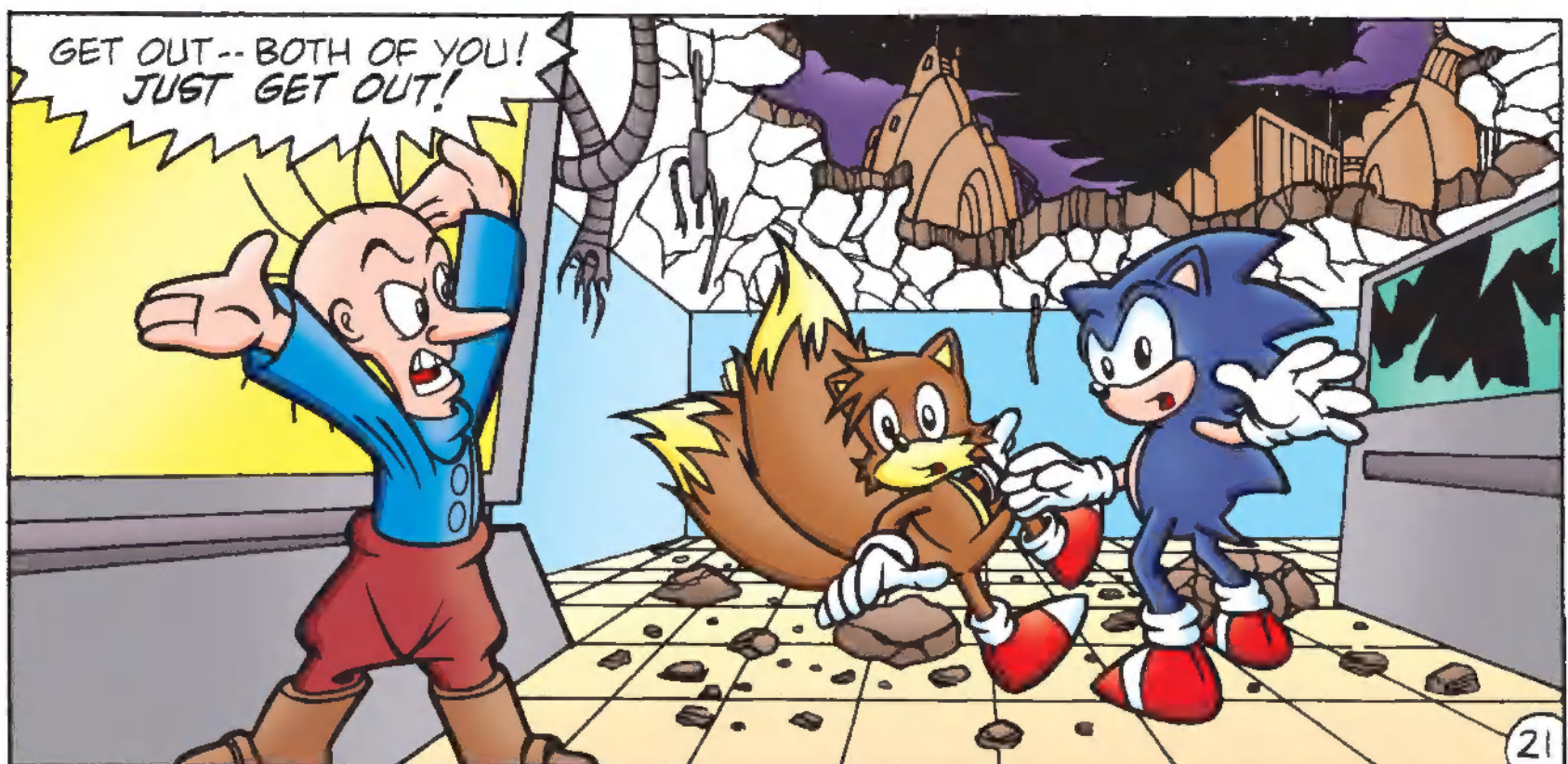
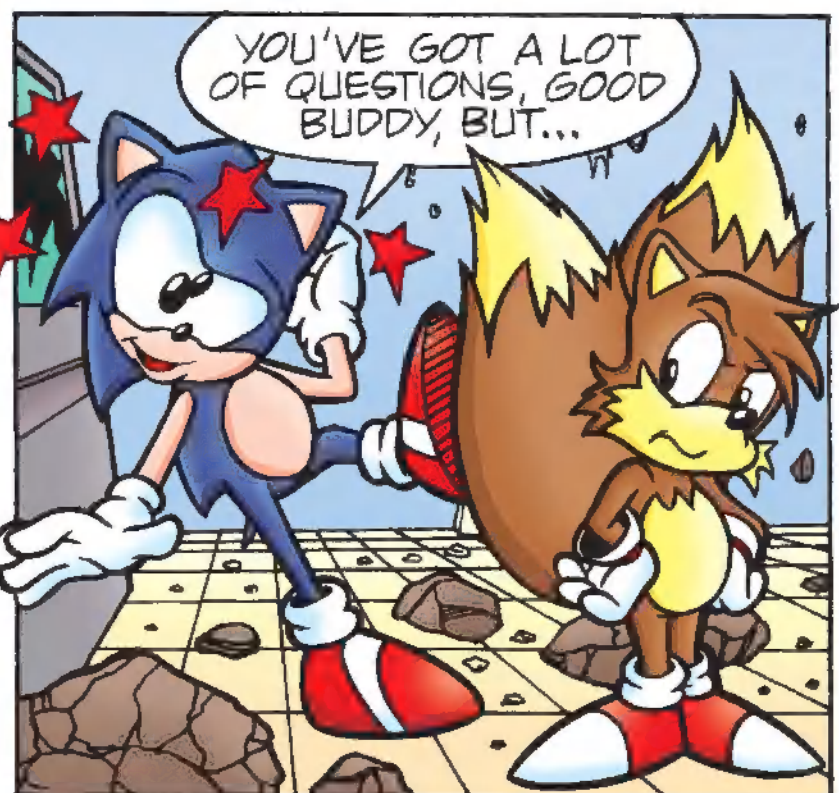
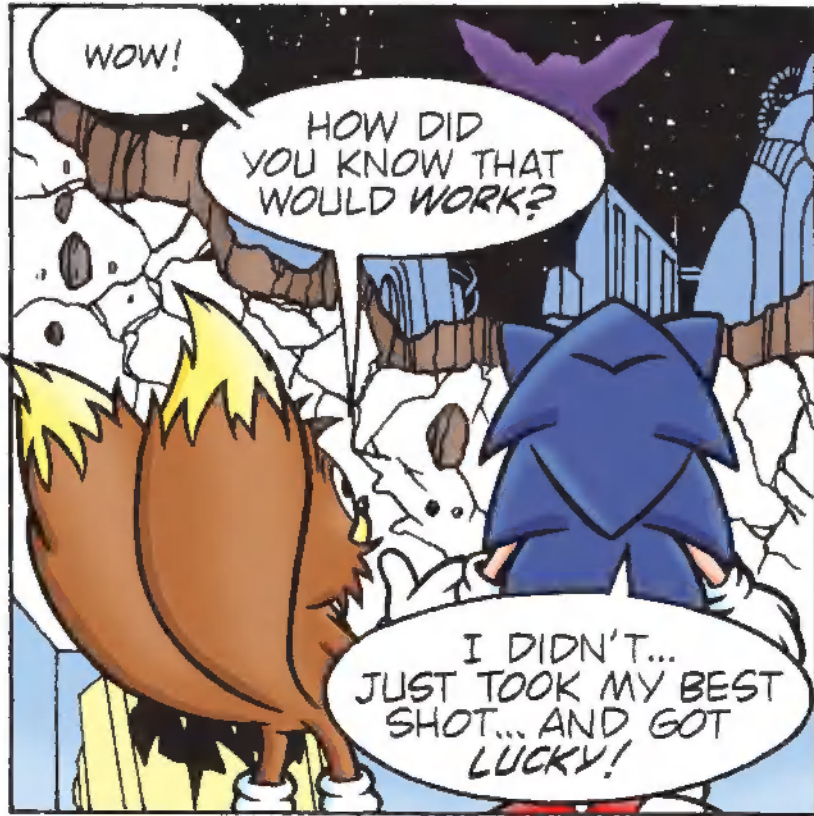
SSSSSHHHOOOOO MMM!



FAREWELL, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG-- AND THANK YOU!

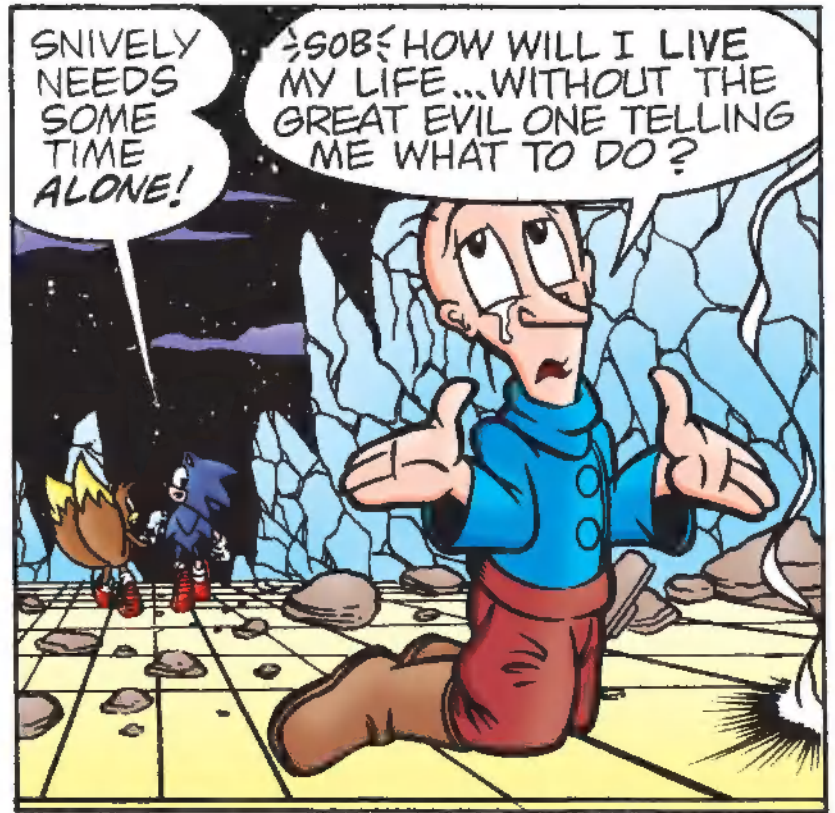
BECAUSE OF YOU, I NOW KNOW WHAT IT MEANS...

...TO BE FREE AND JUST AS IMPORTANTLY-- TO BE ME!



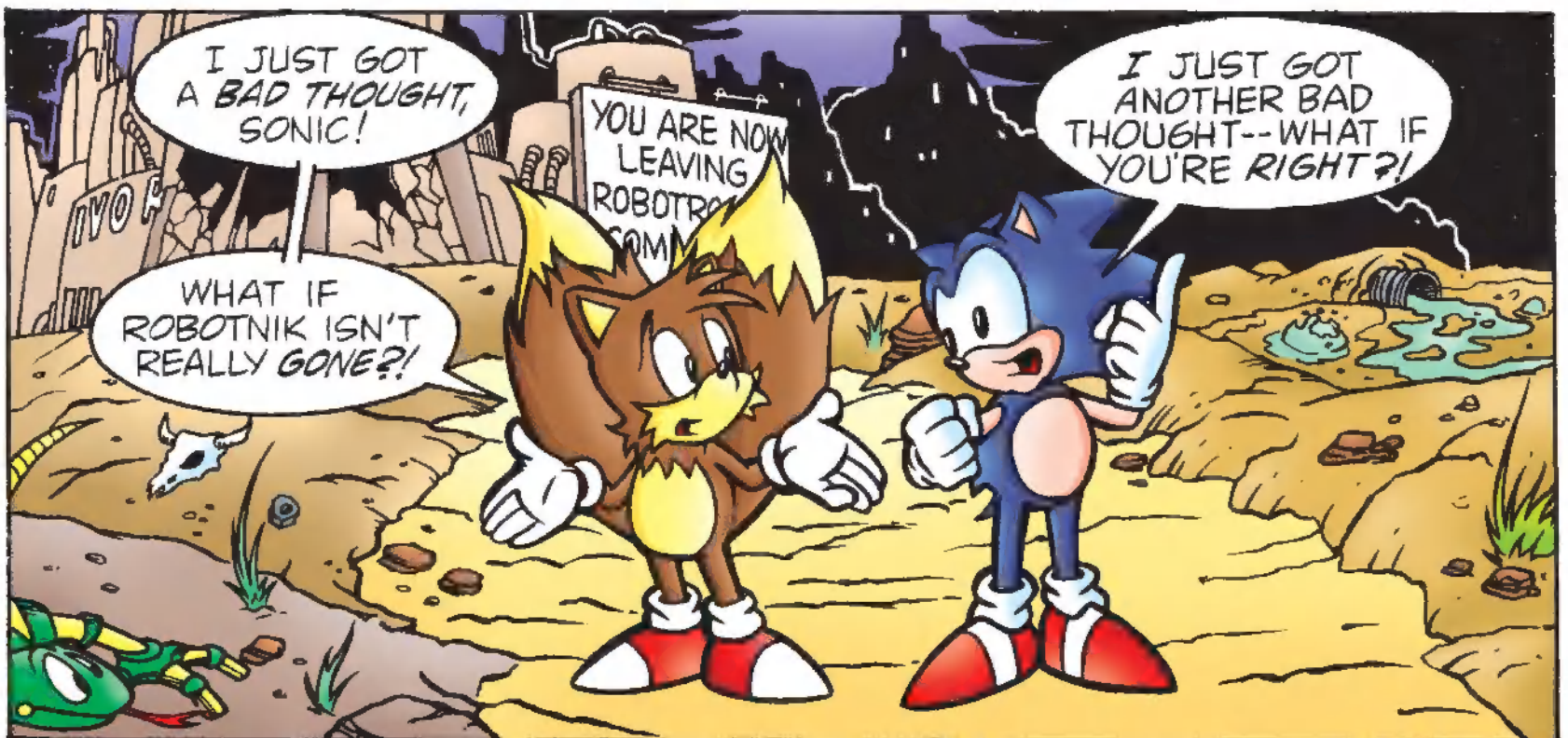


C'MON, TAILS!
LET'S HEAD HOME
AND SPREAD THE
NEWS!



SNIVELY
NEEDS
SOME
TIME
ALONE!

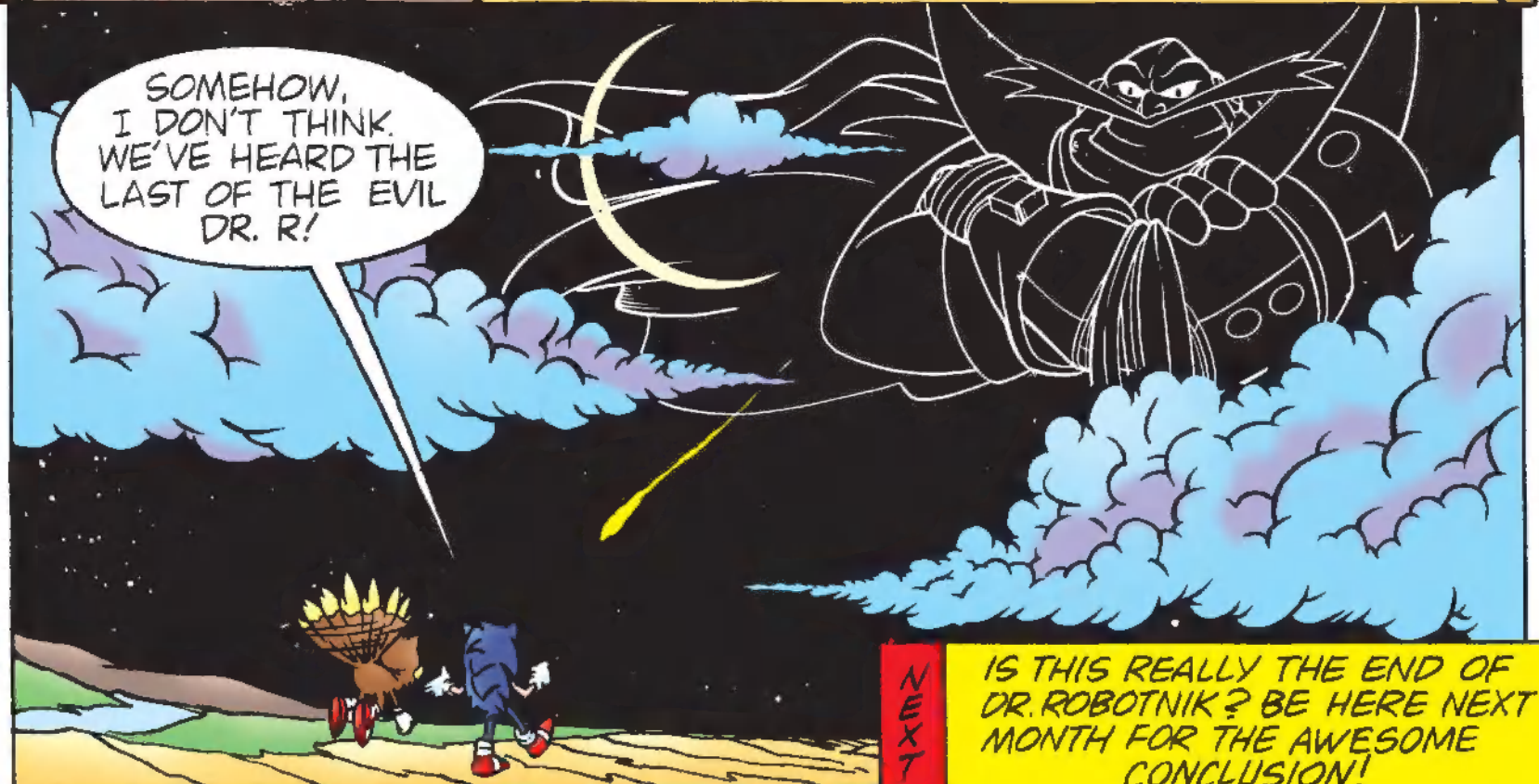
SOB! HOW WILL I LIVE
MY LIFE... WITHOUT THE
GREAT EVIL ONE TELLING
ME WHAT TO DO?



I JUST GOT
A BAD THOUGHT,
SONIC!

WHAT IF
ROBOTNIK ISN'T
REALLY GONE?!

I JUST GOT
ANOTHER BAD
THOUGHT--WHAT IF
YOU'RE RIGHT?!



SOMEHOW,
I DON'T THINK
WE'VE HEARD THE
LAST OF THE EVIL
DR. R!

**N
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X
T** IS THIS REALLY THE END OF
DR. ROBOTNIK? BE HERE NEXT
MONTH FOR THE AWESOME
CONCLUSION!